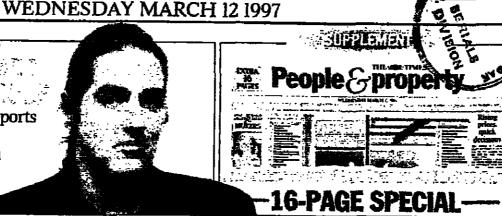
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Inspectors sacked for breaking rules

Tighter rules promised for meat hygiene

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND POLLY NEWTON

THE Government promised tougher action against rogue abattoirs and meat inspectors last night amid allegations that ministers had been warned several times about a 'potential timebomb" of de-

clining hygiene standards. Forty-five Meat Hygiene Service (MHS) employees have been disciplined, with three being dismissed, for failing to follow rules aimed at minimising the risk of "mad cow" disease.

And Angela Browning, the Food Minister, intends to pub-lish "league tables" of hygiene standards in the country's 450 abattoirs. She also said that she would back prosecution of slaughterhouse owners who intimidated inspectors -- there had been cases, she said, where police help had been needed so that inspectorscould do their job.

The promises of action came after Labour leaked a series of letters from Peter Comrie, general secretary of the Association of Meat Inspectors, to Mrs Browning and to the MHS complaining about abattoir practices. One, written in January and referring to discussions last July, told the were steadily decreasing, adding: This is a potential

Then last month Mr Comrie

ALMOST 100 pro-European

MPs, including 17 former Tory

ministers, launch a fresh

assault on their Eurosceptic

opponents today with a de-

fence of Britain's membership

Times, they emphasise the

importance of Britain remain-

ing a "full and committed"

member of the EU and tell

anti-Europeans that to con-

template withdrawal is to

terday's warning by 23 senior

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contemplate disaster". The move comes after yes-

of the European Union. In an advertisement in The

MPs launch attack

on Eurosceptics

By James Landale and Arthur Leathley

wrote to Mrs Browning saying: "Our levels of enforcement in hygiene at present leave much to be desired. We repeat our concern, particularly, with the faecal contamination of carcasses and offal, and

would urge you to take imme-diate action to alleviate this." In another letter to the MHS last week, he claimed that inspectors were being actively encouraged by the hygiene service to ignore breaches of regulations, and were in some cases threatened if they tried to take action.

Mrs Browning said last night that she assumed Mr Comrie meant that the inspectors were threatened by abattoir owners, but he said he was referring to the hygiene

The disclosure of the letters came in the wake of last week's furore about an unpublished report linking slaughterhouse conditions to the spread of the E. coli bacterium. The Government said then that ministers had not seen the report, although most of the concerns raised in it had been addressed.

But in the Commons yesterday, Tony Blair said: "Conweek, serious concern about contamination was being expressed to ministers as well as others over a period of nine

"extreme Euroscepticism"

causes Britain's business in-

terests on the continent. In a

letter to the Financial Times,

the businessmen said Britain's

negotiating position would be

the country did not demon-

The Times advertisement was signed by 39 Tories, 40 Labour MPs, 17 Liberal Dem-

ocrats and one Scottish Na-

tionalist — the party leader, Alex Salmond. The 97-strong

group includes three former

Cabinet Ministers, including

Douglas Hurd, the former

Foreign Secretary and David Hunt, the former Public Ser-

vice Minister, and Roy

Hattersley, the former Labour

Prices and Consumer Protec-tion Minister. The advert is

the latest stage of the Europe

97 campaign by the European

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Movement.

strate its EU commitment.

seriously compromised" if

months, and, secondly, the situation in abattoirs on contamination is getting worse Prime Minister to institute immediate inquiries into the "serious allegations".

John Major promised to investigate evidence that the AMI had issued several warnings about contaminated meat. He expressed surprise. however, at the AMI's warning that enforcement levels left much to be desired "because it is the AMI themselves who are responsible for the enforcement of hygiene rules". He also suggested that the vice-president of the AMI, Mac Johnston, had stated his total backing of the hygiene service and its efforts to raise standards.

Mr Johnston told The Times that he had no evidence to support Mr Comrie's allegations. "His letters are written on AMI headed notepaper. but as far as I know, they are his views, not those of the committee."There are many people in many professions that, when life moves on, they kick and scream and refuse to move on, and find any opportunity to whine and whinge."

little surprised that Mr Comrie, as general secretary acting as a trade unionist for Continued on page 2, col 4

Rioting miners

rebuffed by Kohl

German riot police with ba-

tons beat off coalminers as they broke through cordons

and tried to storm the Bonn

protesting against govern-

ment plans to cut coal subsi-

dies have been laying siege to

the city since Monday. Herr

Kohl refused to meet a delega-

tion led by the coal union

Seven fishermen

drowned at sea

Seven fishermen were feared

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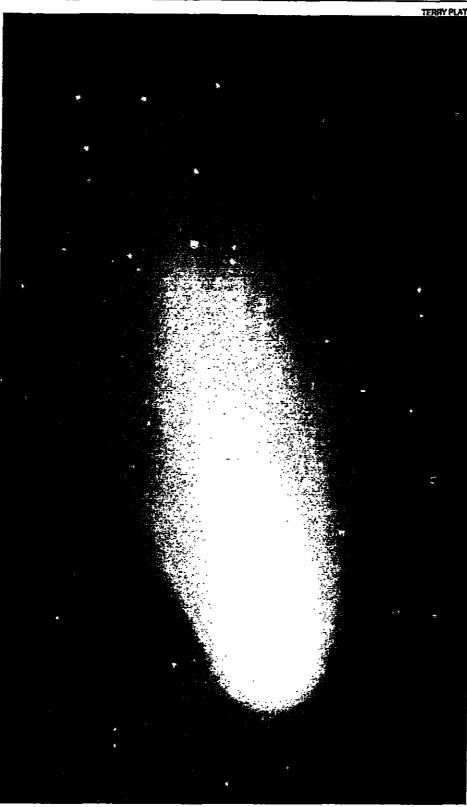
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More than 20,000 miners

offices of Chancellor Kohl.



A photograph of Comet Hale-Bopp taken yesterday at Binfield, Berkshire

Tail of the century

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR Astronomers both amateur

and professional will spend

much of the next two months

watching the comet, named

after the two American astron-

omers who first identified it in

1995. It is expected to go on

getting brighter for a further

two weeks as it gets closer to

-Of course you'd never

see something like

this under a Labour

government'

COMET Hale-Bopp is providing a brilliant show as one of the best comets of the twentieth century, clearly visible round the world in the morning and evening skies.

Terry Platt, an amateur astronomer from Binfield near Brucknell in Berkshire. took this photograph of the comet at 4am yesterday from his garden. He says that it is easily visible with the naked eye, and comparable in bright-

ness with the brightest stars. He used a telephoto lens, picking his moment between wisps of early-morning fog. Amateur astronomers are a hardy bunch: he had been up at lam observing Mars, then managed to get three hours' sleep before rising again to photograph Hale-Bopp.

It is not necessary to head for the hills to observe the comet. One American astronomer, Paul Feldman, of Johns Hopkins University, assures would-be watchers that he had no difficulty seeing the comet from a well-lit supermarket car park, even after sunrise.

the Sun. Hale-Bopp is already brighter than Comet Hyakutake, which crossed the sky a year ago, according to the magazine Sky & Telescope. This comet's tail takes up 20 degrees of the sky, about twice the size of a human fist held at arm's length and viewed against the heavens.

Nasa, the space agency, is using Hale-Bopp's passage to put to the test a theory about the origins of the Earth's oceans. It will be launching sounding rockets that will rise above the atmosphere to measure the composition of cloud around the comet. The theory is that water on the Earth came from comets that hit the Earth's surface fairly early in its history. Comets consist largely of ice.

The rocket observations of the amounts of trace elements in the comet will be compared with the amounts of the same elements in the oceans. If they are the same, it will provide support for the theory.

Where to watch, page 5 of suspended animation, help-

Carey supports Palestinian state in sermon from Jerusalem pulpit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, last night attacked the right-wing Israeli Government's plans to build a new Jewish settlement in occupied Arab east Jerusalem and backed the idea of a Palestinian state. In a diplomatically sensitive

sermon delivered in St George's Cathedral, situated in the Israeli-occupied part of erusalem, the spiritual leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans echoed the Pope's condemnation last Sunday of Israeli plans to build homes for 32,000 Jews at Har Homa.

Dr Carey's outspoken support for a Palestinian state precedes his meeting in Gaza on Friday with Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, and comes as the peace process is in its worst crisis since the accord was signed in 1993. In reference to Har Homa,

where Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, has said that bulldozers will begin work next week, Dr Carey said: "We look on with anguish as new actions on either side appear to undermine the peace process. The current crisis with regard to new settlements in east Jerusalem is just one of these."

The Archbishop, who is chairing a week-long meeting of world heads of the Anglican Church, added: "Last November, leaders of the British churches appealed for an end to the building and expansion ed agreement on the future of existing settlements'. Actions and words must agree."

While the Israeli Govern-

ment claims sovereignty over both sides of Jerusalem, including the Arab sector it occupied and later annexed, and denies Palestinian claims for joint sovereignty in the future. Dr Carey endorsed the description of Jerusalem given by Michael Sabbah, the Latin Patriarch, as "a city for two peoples and three faiths" He went on to quote from a poem by a young Palestinian,

whose last verse runs: Do you know what it is like to have the vision,



Dr Carey: will meet Arafat

back our land? Until then we can just keep on praying, and keep on saying you will

Dr Carey said: "It is a poem of great sadness direct from the heart. Entitled The Wandering Palestinian, it is a young man's dream of a Continued on page 2, col :

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Jumbo jet survivor begs for refuge

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

AN ASYLLIM seeker who survived a ten-hour ordeal stowed away in the wheel bay of a jumbo jet which killed his younger brother is to appeal later this week against the Government's refusal to grant him refuge

Pardeep Saini survived the journey from Delhi despite freezing temperatures as low as -60C and a lack of oxygen. His younger brother, Vijay, 18, died of hypothermia before his body plunged 2,000ft as the Boeing 747's undercarriage was lowered for landing at Heathrow.

Mr Saini, 22, managed to cling on as the aircraft sped along the runway and taxied towards its bay last October. He was discovered staggering across the tarmac towards the

terminal. Doctors believe he might have lived because of the extreme cold, which would have put his body into a form

ing to prevent damage to vital

The two men were promised that there was a passage from the wheel bay into the baggage hold, but they were misled. Mr Saini said: "Once inside the undercarriage Vijay began to look for the opening into the baggage hold ... we both began to shout and cry ... then the wheels came up and crushed us right in the corners. They were glowing hot and burned me through my

"I don't know when I became unconscious and I cannot recall anything that happened to Vijay."

Mr Saini claims he was fleeing from persecution in India after being wrongly targeted as a Sikh separatist. He is being cared for by his uncle, Tarsem Singh, in west

A Home Office spokeswornan refused to comment on the



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Evergreen spectacle of contest between fear and loathing

Before the last election, Labour's Gerald Kaufman said it was a contest "between fear and loathing": the voters' fear of Labour, and loathing of the Tories. Yesterday in Parliament an MP from each side proved Mr Kaufman's insight evergreen. A Tory asked the Prime Minister a question calculated to please an industry by part of which he is paid. The spectacle was loathsome. And a Labour MP read his point of order from an electronic paging device. The chilling sight struck fear into our minds.

To be selected to question the PM

is a lucky chance and comes rarely. So we did wonder quite why John Greenway (Ryedale) chose his prime-time slot during one of the last PM's Questions in this Parliament to make a stilted enquiry about Mr Major's attitude to the Insurance Institute Centenary Year. Yawns vied with raised eyebrows as Greenway droned about the importance of the insurance industry. Major can do without this sort of thing. Wearily he agreed that insurance was a good

And there - with the unanswered questions "Why insurance?



Why Greenway? Why now? tucked to the back of our minds we left it.

Or so we thought. But after the Prime Minister had gone, at Points of Order ten minutes later, Brian Wilson (Cunninghame N), a Labour campaign manager, asked Madam Speaker whether it was in order for an MP retained by the insurance industry to ask a question helpful to the industry, without declaring his interest.

It is in order, as Miss Boothroyd reminded Wilson. MPs do not declare interests before questions, only before speeches. Their interests are declared in the register. where Mr Greenway's are properly listed — as he was quick to point out. Director of a broking firm and member of the Insurance Brokers'

mentary adviser to the Institute of Insurance Brokers, for which he gets "E10,001 — £15,000". Nor had Greenway any financial interest in the centenary - as he pointed out.

But what a crass, insensitive thing to do. Has all the public fuss and alarm over Members' interests simply passed in one of this MP's large ears and out the other? Do they notice anything, these people? Smarter MPs than Mr Greenway -- who are corrupt, and he is not -presumably team up with an MP retained by a different interest. each asking the other's question.

Registration Council, he is parlia- This is the kind of Tory that could eat pork in the street in Algiers during Ramadan, and profess himself surprised that anyone took exception that he was not a

> One sometimes wonders whether a section of the Tory party pops up occasionally into the chamber from burrows where it lives beneath the Palace of Westminster. with connecting tunnels emerging into champagne-and-canape receptions for the faithful in their constituencies; and, travelling between the two, never emerge into the light of what the rest of us are

pleased to call Britain. Loathing for the Tories filled my heart. Then I spotted the redoubtable Mr Wilson . peering, as he spoke, at a small black pager cradled in his hand over the ancient dispatch box.

Someone outside was messaging him with the facts. Could it be the communications supremo Peter Mandelson, in some bunker in the Walworth Road?

Fear of these android pixies: limid nitrogen coursing through their veins, filled my mind. My mind wrestled with my heart. Fear versus loathing. Kaufman 'was

Euro Court ruling cancels rights of contract workers

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

CONTRACT workers in hospitals, councils and other sercould lose all employment rights under a

European Court ruling.
Passing judgment in the case of a German cleaning lady, judges in Luxembourg said the transfer of a contract from one company to another did not necessarily oblige the new employer to take on its predecessor's guarantees.

Until now, legislation under Europe's Acquired Rights Directive has been assumed to mean that a company taking over a service contract was obliged to take on all service staff and maintain the inherited terms of pay and conditions.

In Britain, the outcome has potentially far-reaching consequences for hundreds of thousands of people in cleaning. catering, ground mainte-nance, information technology, vehicle maintenance, legal services, housing maintenance and other sectors where contracting arrangements have become the norm. The verdict brought imme-

diate calls for changes in European law to reinstate protection for the contractservices sector. There are about 250 contract companies working for local authorities. another 150 attached to the National Health Service and 60 more on the payroll of government central departments.

The Public Contractors' Association called for talks with the Department of Trade and Industry, as well as Padraig Flynn, the EU Commissioner

THE Prison Service is prepar-

ing to hold offenders in police

cells as the number of prison-

ers rises by about 300 a week

Police forces have been ad-

vised to be ready to take

prisoners within the next two

weeks when the 135 jails in

England and Wales reach

capacity. Prison governors warned yesterday that the

system was at breaking point,

with inmates being bussed

around the country to find

David Roddan, general sec-

retary of the Prison Gover-

nors' Association, said: "Last

week 134 prisoners were

bussed from the North of

England to the South to find

empty cells - that is crazy.

The Prison Service is chock-a-

Chris Scott, chairman of the

governor's association, said

the prison population had soared in the first few months

of the year, reaching 59,156 at

empty accommodation.

towards a record 60,000.

responsible for social policy, and Britain's two Commissioners, Neil Kinnock and Sir Leon Brittan.

Cliff Davis-Coleman, spokesman for the associ-ation, said: "This judgment states that companies that have taken on liabilities cannot pass them on when the contract comes to term, unless the transfer of a contract from one undertaking to another is accompanied by significant tangible or intangible assets or the taking over by a new employer of a major part of the workforce.

The Luxembourg ruling stems from a court case in Germany launched by Ayse Suzen, who lost her job as a cleaning lady when her employer lost its contract with the school where she worked. Frau Suzen challenged the decision by the new contractor not to re-employ the cleaning workers who had been dis missed by their original

The ruling, which said that Frau Suzen could not keep her employment rights after a contract for the business had gone to a new employer who kept her on, flew against previous safeguards for workers under the Acquired Rights Directive. Rodney Bickerstaffe, head

of Unison, Britain's biggest union, which has a large membership in the service sector, said rights under European law should remain intact. "Each case of transfer of undertakings will still have to be considered on its facts.

the end of last week. He told

the governors' annual confer-

ence at Buxton in Derbyshire:

"Surely it is sensible to admit

that we can no longer cope

with this unprecedented rise.

Is it wise at a time when a

rising prison population heightens the potential for

disturbance to bring into place

accommodation which in nor-

mal circumstances we would

Mr Scott said governors

had a duty to point out to the

public the inherent dangers of

imprisoning more and more

people in overcrowded

☐ Ann Widdecombe became a

record-breaker yesterday as the first prisons minister to

visit all 129 jails in England

Widdecombe, who took on her

present Home Office job in July 1995, completed her odys-

sey at Spring Hill open prison at Grendon Underwood,

Buckinghamshire.

Wales.

consider insecure?"

take jail overspill

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

The ruling backs the British Government's original objection to the directive. It had argued that the law should not apply to contract companies.

Until now, workers in sectors where employers may change, although the job remains the same - such as contracted out services in the National Health Service. schools and local authorities - have been protected because European law has insisted that the new employers take on the obligations of the previous bosses.

The decision by the Luxem-

already complex piece of European employment law even more complex by opening a door for employers to throw off responsibility for workers. John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said the judgment could mean that contracted workers would be stripped of job security. "Where there are small numbers of contracted workers, unscrupulous em-

pioyers could use today's rui-

bourg judges has made an

ing to deny them their rights." But employers are likely to use the ruling to step up the battle for contracts in the service sector, because it would enable them to keep costs down by not honouring the existing employment terms. The ruling is bad news for companies that lose contracts, however, as they will be left without the business but with all the costs of redundancies.

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THE Lord Chancellor bowed

yesterday to a High Court

ruling against him last week and said he would reinstate

rules to reduce or waive civil

court fees on grounds of

financial hardship. Lord Mackay of Clashfern

said he would reimburse fees

paid by anyone who could

show that they would have qualified under the rules for waivers or exemptions that

The Lord Chancellor said he

would not be seeking leave to

challenge the High Court rul-

ing last week, in which two

judges held that he had acted

unlawfully by introducing

large rises in court fees at the

same time as ending hardship

exemptions. He had been ex-

pected to challenge his defeat.

were abolished in January.



Angela Browning: plans abattoir league tables

Meat hygiene rules

Continued from page 1 the AMI, has felt it necessary to allow this letter to be circulated. I am very surprised that the very body which has the enforcement role within the slaughter-houses should be criticising, because they are the people I expect to be carrying out this

obligation.
The very fact that we have carried out official reprimands to inspectors and have been prepared to sack them shows that the MHS will

fees after judges' rebuke

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

the first he has suffered, all the

The hardship provisions will now apply in county

courts as well as in the High

Court. Lord Mackay said he

wanted to place "county court and family litigants on the same footing as litigants in the

The move was welcomed by

the Legal Action Group and the Law Society, which had urged the Lord Chancellor to

reinstate the fee exemptions. Lord Mackay made clear, however, that he was uneasy

about the possibility of spuri-

ous legal action being brought

by people who did not have to

Chancellor remains con-

cerned about the potential

A statement said: "The Lord

Supreme Court".

way to the House of Lords.

enforce the legislation and check the inspectors are do-

ing their job. Mr Comrie, who denied leaking his letters, said he had been prompted by hundreds of unsolicited letters from his members complaining about abattoir standards. He agreed that he had lost a contract with his local authority to inspect abattoirs when the Meat Hygiene Service came into operation, but said: "I haven't got a grudge

injustice where litigants in

person, who are exempted or

remitted from court fees, bring

unjustified actions against de-

fendants who must then pay to

defend themselves with no

prospect of recovering their

costs." The High Court judg-

ment implied that this was a

matter for Parliament, and he

will "consider it further in this

The test case last week was

brought by an Essex business-

man on income support, who

said he was barred by the new

rules from taking libel action

Lord Justice Rose, sitting

with Mr Justice Laws, said

that the Lord Chancellor had

denied poor people their an-

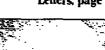
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against them." Police cells must | Mackay does U-turn on

is a militant pro-abortionist." said Mr Ouintavalle, "We have abortion up to birth. We have virtually abortion on demand in the first two trimesters." The party hopes to field six Muslims. It will stand in constituencies where no candidate is anti-abortion, targeting figures such as Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor.





Hume: said Catholics

Hume says abortion is election issue for **Catholics**

By DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

CARDINAL Basil Hume urged Roman Catholics yesterday to put abortion on the election agenda but declined to endorse the new Prolife

Alliance party.
The Archbishop of Westminster said that Catholic voters would be expected to find out candidates' opinions on the issue. They should withhold their votes from anybody who holds strong proabortion views, he said.

"The question of abortion is a public policy issue and it is very important that it now should be discussed prior to the election," Cardinal Hume told Radio 4's Today programme. "It is very important that the people that we elect should have views on abortion which we believe are the correct ones to have.

We would be very hesitant. I think, to want to give a vote to somebody who is strongly in favour of abortion.

He declined to endorse the Prolife Alliance, which expects to field 50 candidates on a strict anti-abortion, anti-euthanasia programme. "This is entirely a matter for each individual person to decide. It is not for the Church to give directions on how to vote."

Cardinal Hume did not define what he meant by "strongly in favour" of abortion but Bruno Quintavalle, a Catholic who founded the Prolife Alliance, said any candidate who supported the status quo was in effect strongly in favour of abortion.

Anyone who supports any-

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NEWS IN BRIEF £8.6m misspent on training schemes

A hotline is to be set up for the unemployed to report training firms that make false claims for government funding. The move follows the disappearance of millions of pounds from the Government's £1.4 billion budget for work and youth training, MPs were told yesterday.

Last year trainers undertaking work for the 74 Training and Enterprise Councils were paid £8.6 million that was irregular, uncertain or incorrect. In one case a trainer was paid for young trainees who had never even been on a programme. The Commons Public Accounts Committee rebuked the Department for Education and Employment and said it was "deplorable that money that should have been spent on equipping people with skills for work should have been misspent in this way".

Atomic storage time cut

Donnreay nuclear reprocessing plant in Caithness is being forced to cut by more than half its maximum storage time for imported atomic waste. The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency ruled yesterday that all radioactive waste taken to Scotland under lucrative recycling contracts would have to be returned to the country of origin after ten. years, instead of the present 25 years. Tight new limits have also been imposed on discharges of radioactive effluent into the sea and air. Dounreay officials said that the ten-year limit could affect business and jobs.

Third woman for CSA

Faith Boardman was appointed head of the Child Support Agency yesterday. She is the third woman to hold the £80,000-a-year post since the agency's creation less than four years ago. A mother of two, she was responsible for gathering a major portion of VAT for HM Customs and Excise when she served as Collector for Central London from 1989 to 1995. Since then she has been a successful chief executive of the Contributions Agency. heading 10,000 staff who collect £42 billion in National Insurance.

No share of lottery win

A woman who won £1.3 million on the National Lottery won her legal battle vesterday to prevent her former boyfriend claiming half the prize. Lisa Lee, 30, a former cleaner, won the money in April 1995. Two months later she split from David Jones, 34, an unemployed carpenter from Swansea and the father of her two children, and changed the locks at her council flat. Miss Lee had told Cardiff County Court she had bought the winning ticket with her own cash and had never regarded Mr Jones as her partner.

Sutcliffe may be moved

moved from Broadmoor where he was attacked by another inmate to Ashworth secure unit near Liverpool as soon as he recovers from injuries to his eyes. Sutcliffe was in the infirmary at Broadmoor after being told by doctors that it was too soon for them to determine whether there would be any permanent damage to his eyesight. He was attacked by Ian Kay. 29. A Thames Valley police spokesman said: "It is too soon to say what action we will be taking".

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'Street' video victory

A man who bought an "exclusive" Coronation Street video before Christmas 1995 only to see an edited version broadcast three months later won a Liverpool court victory against Granada television. The programme-maker was ordered to refund Allan Kelley the £13.99 cost of the video, plus £2 expenses. More than 600,000 were sold, giving Granada a profit of at least £700.000. A company spokeswoman said that it would be asking for the judgment to be set aside.

Dame Edna plays Fagin

Barry Humphries, best known for his portrayal of Dame Edna Everage and Sir Les Patterson, is to return to the West End stage as Fagin in Oliver!, the Lionel Bart musical. The actor, who first played the part almost 30 years ago, is to take over the role when Robert Lindsay leaves Cameron Mackintosh's production in May. Humphries, 64. was also in the original production of *Oliver!* in 1960, when he played the part of the undertaker Mr Sowerberry. He was given the lead role on the show's revival in 1964.

Carey supports formation of Palestinian state

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people may live at peace, "As I read it. I realised how much I take for granted the sense of belonging and identification I find in being British and being part of a proud and confident nation. Can I deprive others of that right? Surely not."

The sermon was delivered only a week before crucial talks, now very

much in jeopardy, on the final status of Jerusalem and other key issues.

"The world prays for the peace of Jerusalem because we know that if it is possible here, it is possible anywhere." Dr Carey told a congregation that included 35 Anglican archbishops. "Sympathetic outsiders such as myself can hear the justified longings of the two peoples of this land."

He added: "We are at one with the people of Israel in their search for a lasting peace. The Jewish peoples have suffered enough in their long and terrible journey. They long to dismantle their weapons and beat their 'swords into ploughshares'."

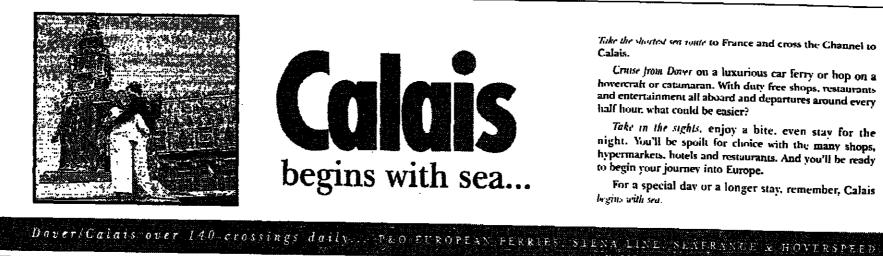
Describing the Holy City as a place

"where dreams collide". Dr Carey hit out at both Jewish and Palestinian

extremists, whom he accused of using the name of religion to justify murderous attacks. *Often inflammatory words are

backed up with financial support for extremist groups which murder inno-cent people and justify it in the name of religion," he said. "There can be no peace if violence is used to threaten and browbeat others.





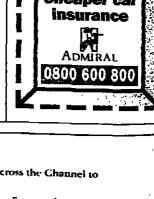
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Arbroath and St Ives mourn loss

Seven fishermen feared drowned as boats capsize

TWO fishing communities were in mourning yesterday as seven men were feared dead in separate accidents.

Hope faded for four fishermen from Arbroath, Angus, when their vessel was discovered on the seabed a hundred miles from the coast of Aberdeen in water 140ft deep, In St Ives, Cornwall, it became clear that three friends who went missing in thick fog after setting out to lay their fishing nets would not be coming

The men from Arbroath skipper George Pattison, 38, first mate Mark Hannah, 30, Christopher Prouse, 22, and Alan Cunningham, 28 - are believed to have died when the Westhaven capsized and sank after its fishing tackle became caught on the seabed. An intensive search involv-

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and the Ballian

ing ten boats, two helicopters and the warship HMS Guernsey, continued all day yesterday for the 65ft boat, which was trawling for white fish and prawns. Shortly before lunchtime the wreck was located and by afternoon a remote control camera identified it. There was no sign of the men. The search was called off after underwater cameras discovered that the two liferafts were still attached to the sunken vessel.

The distress of the men's families was compounded by

A SOLO canoeist was feared drowned last night after her paddle was spotted five miles

off the Scottish island of Iona.

Gail Webster, 33, has been missing since Monday night

after setting out from the West

Yesterday lunchtime a heli-

copter from HMS Gannet,

which had been searching for

12 hours, sighted the paddle to

the northwest of long. Ms

Webster, a care worker

described as a very experi-

enced canoeist, was reported missing by friends at Ilpm on Monday when she failed to

Islanders took to their fish-

ing boats to assist Oban

Coastguard and the Tober-

mory lifeboat in the search.

return home to her croft.

THE supermodel

coat in a fashion show.

Campbell was sacked yester-

day as the figurehead of an

international animal charity

for wearing a full-length fur

Peta (People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals) ac-

being a hypocrite after seeing

her in animal skins at a show

in Milan for Fendi, Italy's

cluding Stella Tennant and

Jodie Kidd, who wore mink.

exotic leopard pelts and rare Scandinavian fox fur.

The charity had forgiven the

model for wearing fur at an

earlier show because she said

she thought the outfit was

fake. But after seeing the latest

pictures, Dan Williams, head

of Peta, wrote to her asking

"Are you the same person who

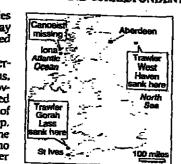
tearfully told me, in New York

and Paris, how disgusted you

were by the needless suffering

Coast isle at 5pm.

The lost boats Gorah Lass, top, and the Westhaven



generations, bought the Dannie Buchan, a skipper from Fraserburgh, at Christmas. Mr Buchan then bought the same area on Monday.

At about 11.15am, Aberdeen

The coastguard continued to receive a distress signal

orary secretary of St Ives Lifeboat, said that the Gorah Lass had made contact with another fishing vessel, the Endeavour, and relayed the message she was about to haul in her nets and head for home The Endeavour then received a garbled message and the captain saw that the Gorah Lass had disappeared from the radar screen. He alerted the coastguard.

appeal to raise money for

a' Chroin near Lochearnhead,

Central, when he is believed to

have slipped and fallen from

Tayside Police and the local

the mountainside for two

hours after the climber failed

to return home. His body was

found about midnight on Monday at the foot of crags on

Stuc a' Chroin, a 3,208ft peak

popular with walkers. The search began when the man's

car was found at Ardvorlich,

Scottish mountains this year.

Three climbers were taken to hospital after weekend acci-

dents on Ben Nevis and Am Bodach in Highland.

The death is the latest in a series of accidents on the

Lochearnhead.

confusion over boat names. Mr Pattison, whose family have been fishing for several Westhaven, the largest boat in the Arbroath fleet, from a replacement boat, which he renamed the Westhaven. Both Westhavens were operating in

coastguard received a signal from a distress beacon. They traced the number to the Fraserburgh-registered West-haven and, when Mr Buchan confirmed that he was fine, he was asked to deactivate the

throughout Monday afternoon and continued to try to

Missing canoeist's paddle

found off coast of Iona

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

which continued around the

coast throughout the night and was extended to a ten-mile

radius of the island vesterday morning. Ms Webster had set

out from Iona pier and was

last seen by the crew of a

fishing vessel. Silver Spray.

about 5/30pm on Monday just

north of the island's Findlay's

Point. Oban Coastguard said

the search had been hampered

by the fact that the canoe was

said to be a dull colour and

the body of a climber who fell

500ft to his death was found

yesterday by mountain rescu-

ers after a two-hour search.

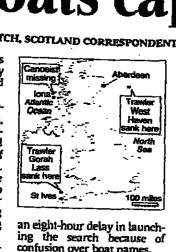
The man, who has not been

named, had been walking

alone on Ben Vorlich and Stuc

On the Scottish mainland,

difficult to spot.



jay, radioing to say his brother had reported getting his net caught on something at about 9.30am on Monday. Peter Donald, manager of

until about 5.30pm, when a

lifebelt from the Arbroath-

registered Westhaven was

recovered, that it was realised

Mr Buchan said he had

heard Mr Pattison's brother

Gordon, skipper of the Dee-

a trawler had gone down.

the Fishermen's Association in Arbroath, said: The community here is numb with shock. It's the biggest disaster we have had in a long time. We've lost boats before and men before, but never a ship and crew together. Boats can be replaced; men can't." At the other end of the

country, the people of St Ives gathered on the quayside early yesterday out of respect rather than hope for the three Cornish fisherman lost at sea.

Their vessel, the Gorah Lass, was eventually found 300 ft down on the seabed two miles northwest of Portreath. The bodies of William Pirie, 40, and Steven Cooper were recovered, but there was no sign of the skipper. Philip Benney, 38. The men had set out at 4pm

on Monday to fish for Dover sole. An air-sea rescue search was launched when the boat vanished from radar screens at 4.45am yesterday. Mr Pirie's widow, Paula, 37,

said the crew had made all the necessary weather checks before setting out to sea. Captain Phil Morran, hon-

Joan Symons, mayor of St Ives, said there would be an



Young - and not so young - fans of Sir Paul McCartney outside Buckingham Palace for the former Beatle's investiture yesterday

It was thirty two years ago today.

By Joe Joseph

SIR PAUL McCARTNEY kept looking over his shoulder for the other three. "It seems strange being here without them." he said. The former Beatle, who was at Buckingham Palace yesterday to receive his knighthood, added: "This brings back memories of 1965."

Sir Paul, who actually remembers the Sixties the first time they were fashionable, was dressed in traditional morning coat. He was staring through the palace gates at some screaming fans - neither quite as many as came to see the Beatles when they were made MBEs in 1965, nor probably quite so eager to rip off his clothes and lock him for 48 hours.

days of playing at the Cavern in Liverpool and in Hamburg, that he would be receiving a knighthood from the Queen? No, he had not. "It would have been seen as a joke," Sir Paul

almost as many memorable phrases as Cole Porter grabbed an off-the-shelf cliche when asked what the knight-

best days of my life." So much for drugs, transcendental meditation and love-ins, in that case.

"It's fantastic. The sky is blue and it's springtime. My mum and dad would have been extremely proud - and perhaps they are. It's just a huge honour. Coming from a small Liverpool terraced house to this house is quite a journey." He made the journey

hood meant to him. This is one of the in a chauffeur-driven blue Mercedes. George and Ringo still treat him as the same old Paul they always knew. They call me Your Holiness." McCartney's wife, Linda, was not with him, but three of their four children -James, 19, Mary, 27, and Stella, 25 were. "I would have loved the whole family to be here, but when we heard there were only three tickets, we had to drawn straws, and Linda and Heather

We're going out to lunch. Linda will be there." And off he went, waving at the world through the Mercedes sunroof. But not before, in his own words, he had managed to get a plug in for his latest project. "I'm writing a full-length orchestral piece for the London Symphony Orchestra which is due to be performed at the Albert Hall on October 14." Forced to play second fiddle to Sir Paul was Joan Collins, who received

decided to stay out of the limelight.

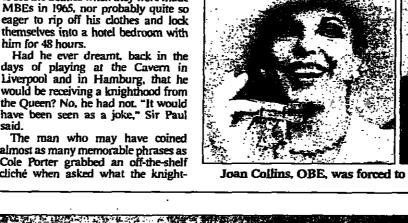
lilac, with matching wide-brimmed hat. "To me, it's one of the reasons why I will always be British." she gushed. "I've lived in America for a long time and my friends ask me why I haven't become an American citizen." And the answer? Because "I love everything that goes with being British." Except, presumably, actually

the insignia of the OBE. She was in

this honour might persuade her to tarry awhile in Her Majesty's kingdom.? Certainly for lunch, with her artist son, Sacha. And then? "I'm going back to Los Angeles, where I'll be working

on a TV project -- but it's a secret."

living here. Any prospect, then, that





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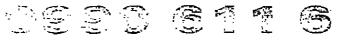
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By KATHRYN KNIGHT have both hearts and spines." Ms Campbell was one of 50

Fur flies as charity

ditches supermodel

Naomi

models, including Cindy Crawford and Tyra Banks, who joined Peta's "models of compassion" campaign four years ago and promised never to wear fur. She was one of cused the 26-year-old model of five models who appeared naked in a Peta poster with the slogan: "We'd rather go naked than wear fur." She also campaigned on American teleleading furrier. She appeared alongside other models, invision for the charity, which has more than 500,000 mem-

bers worldwide. A spokesman for Elite Premier, Ms Campbell's London agency, said the model had agreed to take part in only one campaign for Peta. The spokesman said that more models now wore fur because the industry had adopted more compassionate methods. ☐ An advert that showed a fox head which had been skinned has been banned by the Advertising Standards Authority. The British Fur Trade

Association was among com-

plainers about the poster,

produced by a group cam-

paigning against cruelty to

Mystery of actor's death in bike crash

By TIM JONES

A BRITISH actor who hoped to make his name in America died after his motorcycle crashed in mysterious circumstances, an inquest in west London was told yesterday.

Mark Frankel. 34, who played a Jewish London estate agent who discovers his father is a Yorkshire pig rearer in Leon the Pig Farmer, died last September after falling off his Harley-Davidson in Chis wick, west London.

A police accident investigator said there was no apparent reason for the accident. Mi Frankel's widow, Caroline, 32 who was pregnant when he died, said her husband had always been fascinated by motorcycles and the one he had been riding was one of only six in the world. She said he was an extremely careful rider. The couple also had a three-year-old son.

Mr Frankel had appeared in a number of American television shows and his mother Grace said that he believed his future was in the States. An open verdict

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Cabinet told to save £7m by tackling 'paper mountain'

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

CABINET ministers were told yesterday that the ever-growing archives of government papers and documents should be cut back to save the taxpayer E7 million.

The call was immediately criticised by archivists, who said that the loss of documents to future historians might have serious consequences.

Sir Peter Levene, the Prime Minister's efficiency adviser. said that failure to tackle the storage problem would mean twice as much space being needed within eight years. At present seven billion pieces of paper are taking up 900 miles of space in warehouses and government departments at a

cost of £35 million a year.

Among the papers which are identified for early destruction are: early drafts of consultative and policy papers: papers copied many times; personal files and notes on individual companies; agendas for meetings, statio-

nery requisitions: and routine

letters from MPs which usually result in parliamentary

answers in Hansard. Sir Peter blames junior staff for playing safe with old files and recommending that they should be kept for longer than necessary, with no thought about storage costs.
Peter Hennessey, Professor

of Contemporary History at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, said that what was routine dross for one generation could be gold dust for later scholars: "The needs of posterity cannot be reduced to the thought levels or criteria of the management."

A government archivist said: "Who is to judge what is worthy of permanent preservation? If it's a low-level document dealing with an apparent non-issue, who says it won't come up again? Destruction of the records is so final, and staff do worry they are consigning a possible trea-

sure to oblivion. One of Sir Peter's main

recommendations is for the Public Record Office to take on a more strategic role in helping departments manage their records and make savings. He is concerned that departments are so haphazard and inefficient in handling documents that important historical material could be lost.

Some departments are behind in their review of documents which might be of public significance and Sir Peter said imposing penalties on those which fail to sort out the material should be considered. However, the Home Office and the Ministry of Defence were singled out for praise.

Sir Peter's report discloses that some departments pay as much as E70 a metre for storage space. The Department of Social Security, for example, paid £700 a year to keep a four-drawer cabinet in central London, while storing a slightly larger cabinet out of



The nose of the Eurostar train, which hit an empty cattle lorry in Belgium yesterday. No one was injured

Eurostar train crashes

E6.00 In Our PEP for five years turned iannched vesterday after a Eurostar train bit a lorry at a level crossing in Belgium. The train, from Brussels to London was carrying 107 passengers and ten crew. but none of them, nor the driver of the empty cattle lorry, were injured. Eurostar said the where boarded another train.

An investigation was driver had used his emergency brake and that the train-had been travelling much slower than the 56mph maximum for the stretch of line when it hit the lorry at Ath, 30 miles from Brussels. The passengers were taken by coach to Lille, where they

TV to show life of gay servicewoman

By CAROL MIDGLEY

CHANNEL 4 is to revive controversy about the treatment of homosexuals in the Armed Forces with a film about a lesbian officer in the Royai Military Police.

The Investigator will tell the true story of a military policewoman who joined the Special Investigation Branch to root our homosexuals. Channel 4 said the drama-documentary was based on the experiences of an unnamed servicewoman in the 1980s, who was a consultant to the film.

The Ministry of Defence declined to assist the makers of the 90-minute film. David Green, managing director of project to co-operate. We have

been very open with them. The main character played by Helen Baxendale. who appeared in the hospital



Baxendale: will play part of investigator

drama series Cardiac Arrest. She realises that she is a her homosexuality because it would end her career. She is relating to expenses

The Ministry of Defence said: "We cannot comment on this film until we have seen it." The Investigator will be shown in May after 9pm.

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Wigan rugby chief 'plotted bogus deal to aid libel case'

By RUSSELL JENKINS

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THE chairman of Wigan Rugby League Club planned a bogus transfer deal so that he could sue a newspaper for thousands of pounds, a court was told yesterday.

Jack Robinson tried to tempt Alfred Davies, the chief executive of Leeds, into a scheme involving Neil Cowie, the Wigan and international prop forward, to inflate potential libel damages from the Wigan Observer, it was alleged. Mr Davies bluntly turned the

The alleged plot began in February after Mr Robinson told the Wigan Observer that he blamed a team holiday in Tenerife for Wigan's shock exit from the Challenge Cup quarter-finals after a run of 43 wins. The newspaper later published an article claiming that the players had been involved in an "all-night drinking binge" and pictured Mr Cowie, 30, among the

Alan Conrad, for the prosecution, said that Mr Cowie, who was not on the trip, had intended to sue but that Mr Robinson decided to "use the newspaper's mistake to his

financial advantage".

In telephone calls to Mr Davies, his friend for 18 years, Mr Robinson suggested he should say that Leeds had been interested in a transfer deal for Mr Cowie, worth



Robinson: denies trying to pervert justice

£150,000, but had backed off in the wake of the newspaper story, Mr Conrad said, Mr Robinson offered splitting the profits of a subsequent libel action 50-50, which he then pushed up to 60-40 when Mr Davies refused to bite, it was alleged. Nevertheless, Carl Johnston, 32, the newspaper's editor, later received a letter from Mr Robinson's solicitors claiming that Mr Cowie's transfer deal had been called off because of the article. It demanded a retraction and payment of damages.

Mr Davies told the court that Mr Robinson had interrupted him in a board meeting to propose the scheme. Mr Robinson had said the newspaper had been giving him a lot of trouble. Quite frankly I was shocked. I said: 'Jack, you must be out of your mind to

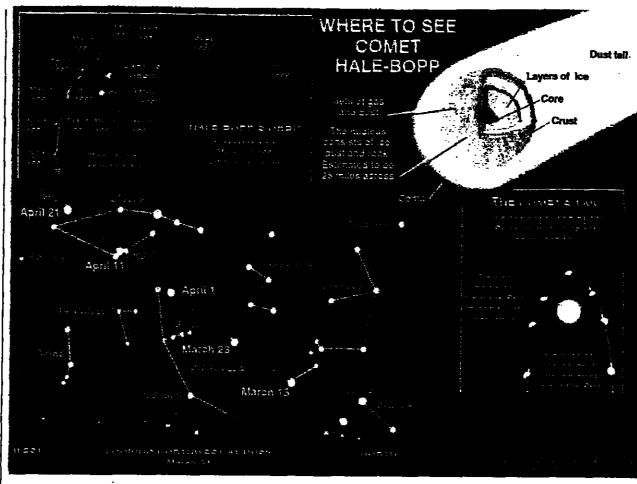
We'll finish up in jail.'

Mr Davies said that Mr Robinson had then suggested that Mr Cowie was "sound" on the deal and that John Martin, a fellow director and the player's father-in-law. should not be a worry because "it is his idea".

Mr Cowie told the court he was surprised to read of the transler deal. "I was offended. I was quite upset that the club had been making a deal at that time and that my fatherin-law had been involved and he hadn't said anything. I thought I had given good service and I deserved a little better than that."

Mr Robinson, 55, who has led the club to unprecedented success, denies intending to pervert the course of justice between February 20 and March 7 last year and two charges of incitement to make a false instrument. The trial

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TO SEE Hale-Bopp, get up before dawn or watch the sky after sunset. A dark place is best. Pick a clear night -Hale-Bopp will not disappear until May. Allow time for your eyes to become accustomed to the darkness and face northwest. The cornet should

be clearly visible low in the sky. Hale-Bopp was identified in 1995 and has been getting closer and brighter ever since. It is one of the largest comets recorded, with a nucleus estimated at 25 miles across, ten times the average

nearer to Earth than 122 million miles, more than 12 times further away than last year's conset, Hyakutake. It is clear that Hale-Bopp will be one of the socalled Great Comets - the eighth and possibly the last this century.

Engineers pay £5m for damaging **RAF** jets

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FIRM that damaged 16 RAF Tornados during modification work has agreed to pay £5 million compensation to the Min-istry of Defence.

Airwork won the contract to modify the Tornados in 1992 and began work at the RAF base at St Athan, South Wales, the following year. The contract was terminated in 1993 after it was found that holes for fasteners and bolts in the main structure had been badly made, damaging the

surfaces. British Aerospace, which had been undercut by £4 million on the original contract, was called in to repair the aircraft. Eleven are back in service but they had to be fitted with central fuselage sections taken from the older F2 version of the fighter.

An MoD spokesman said that the cost of the damage and repairs was estimated to total £20 million, but Sussexbased Airwork had paid only a quarter of that because the F2 parts had given the aircraft

Poison risk of tuna sandwich

By Jeremy Laurance, Health correspondent

TWO men who developed rashes on their face and upper body after eating tuna fell victim to a rare form of poisoning, doctors report

One had eaten freshly cooked tuna in a wine bar and the other a tuna mayonnaise sandwich made with the tinned product. Both devel-oped a swollen throat, flushing, headache and diarrhoea, but recovered within a few hours. Another customer of the wine bar fell ill, as did six people who had eaten the

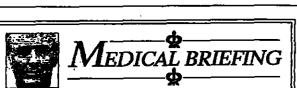
same sandwiches... The little-known hazard of one of the most popular sandwich fillings is described by Dr Ian Stell, of Guy's Hospital, southeast London, in the Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine. He said they were victims of scombrotoxin poisoning, which affects about 50 people a year in Britain. This is not a public health issue. It is not a serious illness. I would not want to discourage people from eating tuna," he said. He hoped to

alert doctors in accident and emergency departments who might mistake similar symptoms for an allergy to fish.

The poisoning is caused by contamination by rare strains of bacteria which convert the histidine naturally present in the fish to toxic levels of histamine, the chemical present in nettles and similar plants which produces a skin rash. The condition, which normally resolves in a few hours, takes its name from the scombroid family fleshed fish to which tuna and mackerel belong. It also occurs after eating pilchards, sardines and anchovies.

Affected fish often look and smell normal, but may have a hot or peppery taste when eaten. The histamine is not destroyed by cooking or the canning process.

Tests showed that the tuna served at the wine bar contained 40 times the normal safe level of histamine. The tinned tuna used in the sandwiches contained 50 times the



Typhoid case may remain a mystery

after an eight to 21-day incubation period. A case that has been diagnosed in Glamorgan is of importance as the girl patient has had no obvious contact with anyone who had recently been overseas. It may turn out to be one of the sporadic cases in which the source of the infection is not identified: a year or two ago there were two cases in Whitechapel, east Londort An infection with the bacil-

lus Salmonella typhi is always of human origin, but it may be spread by flies that have previously settled on infected excreta or other body fluids. Usually the organism is ingested by the patient on contaminated food, water or in infected shellfish. Once it has gone through the intestine into the blood, it reaches the spleen and the liver where it multiplies in numbers. A contaminated water supply is the most common cause of a large epidemic, and it was inadequate drains at Windsor Castle which were thought to be responsible for the attack from

which Prince Albert died. His recent biography of the Prince, by Stanley Weintraub, gives a very good account of the disease and would be useful reading to any doctor in

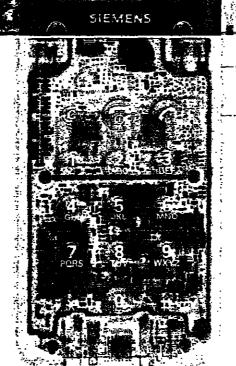
THERE are up to 200 cases of typhoid each year in Britain. The majority are caught abroad and develop at home than unwell and weak with severe limb pains and, it is to be presumed, a headache. As his three-week illness developed, his mind varied between periods of extreme lucidness and delirious incoherence interrupted by delusions, so that at times he thought that he could hear birds singing. During the illness, the fever varied in intensity but slowly increased: he suffered distressing insomnia, complete absence of appetite, and such severe nausea that even a mouthful of soup induced vomiting; he lost weight and was already wasting away before the classic rose pink rash of typhoid appeared.

It is said that to diagnose typhoid fever, a doctor needs a high degree of suspicion coupled with experience of earlier cases. Despite the disease's present day rarity, the Glamorgan patient seems to have been diagnosed very much more rapidly than was the Prince Consort. She is making excellent progress, as would be expected, for typhoid now responds to one, or both, of two antibiotics. chloramphenicol and amoxycillin.

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Dearth of engineers leads BAe to plan its own university

By Christine Buckley and John O'Leary

BRITISH Aerospace is planning to set up its own university because it cannot recruit the skilled graduates it needs from existing institutions.

BAe has a team drafting a range of options for the university, which would award its own degrees. Work on the scheme is expected to start in the next few months. Sir Richard Evans, chief

executive of British Aerospace. has already launched a recruiting drive for engineers on the Continent because of a shortage of high-calibre domestic candidates. Advertising campaigns in France, Germany and other European countries will seek to attract students expecting to graduate in the summer.

Other engineering employers are expected to follow suit. The move to take on overseas graduates comes after BAe left one in five of its graduate places unfilled last year, blaming shortcomings in the education system.

BAe will either build a full university or incorporate sites at its main research and manufacturing centres at Farnborough. Surrey, and Warton, Lancashire. The company would have to convince the education authorities that the university had sufficient teaching capacity and autonomy for it to be allowed to award degrees. BAe said it was setting up its own education system and recruiting staff abroad because "there is a shortage of engineering graduates, both in terms of quantity and quality".

The Engineering Employ-ers' Federation said that skill shortages were an urgent problem. Rolls-Royce, another large engineering employer, said there was a general skill shortage, although it had filled its graduate quota. Rolls will soon recruit internationally to reflect its expanding international operations. Engineering's failure to at-

Science spiced up for girls

IAN TAYLOR, the Science

Minister, yesterday launched a new publication, X2: The Mystery of the Vanishing Girls, designed in the style of youth magazines to show girls that science is a good career choice. While girls do well in science GCSEs, they tend to drop the subjects at A level. There are four boys for every girl doing A-level physics. A report by the Department of Trade and Industry. Breaking the Mould, conalienated by the impersonal content of science, preferring subjects with a creative and

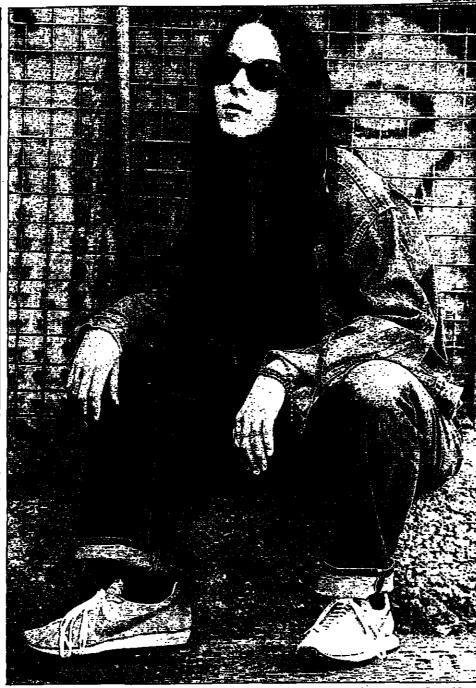
socially relevant context.

tract students has been attributed to poor pay and longdecline in British manufacturing. BAe would not reveal how much it pays graduates, but Lucas Variety, a large engi-neering employer, paid a starting salary of £14,200 last year. That compares with an average graduate starting salary of £15,300, according to Income Data Services.

British universities have found it increasingly difficult to recruit well-qualified undergraduates. Even Oxford and Cambridge fail to meet their quotas in many engineering

Smithers. whose Centre for Education and Employment Research, at Brunel University, produced a report on the supply of science and engineering graduates early this year, said that the discipline had been overexpanded. There is now a lack of quality to withstand competition in an increasingly international sphere. Companies go where they can find the best

candidates.' Engineering does not enjoy the high status in Britain that it occupies in other parts of the world. Courses in other parts of Europe and the Far East command among the highest entry requirements of all degree subjects and take five years, rather than the norm of three in Britain.



Stephanie Layton, of Rockit in Camden, north London, wearing a pair of GWG jeans from the 1930s, valued at £3,000; a Levi's No I jacket from the turn of the century, worth £4,000; and a pair of Nike trainers from 1970, valued at £350

Old jeans could put £5,000 in your pocket

By Damian Whitworth

DENIM jeans, designed for workmen but now the century's most universal fashion item, are being sought by antiques collectors who will pay up to £5,000 for a rare pair. Miller's Collectables Price Guide, the bible of those who scour dealing rooms and auction houses, has introduced a section on vintage jeans alongside the usual ceramics.

medals and ephemera. Denim trousers and jackets in good condition from before 1971, when Levi Strauss changed the style of the writing on the pocket of its garments, are in great demand. "We have included them for the first time because they are incredibly rare," Ma-deleine Marsh, editor of the guide. said. "Generally if you have a pre-Second World War pair of Levi's you are looking

at £4,000 or more." Ms Marsh said that the value of jeans had soared as people became interested in their history. "Denims were working clothes until the 1950s when, with the likes of Elvis and James Dean, street clothes were seen as revolutionary and dangerous and they became a fashion statement. Now people are studying design and they want to have the prototype for what

There are very few examples of the first jeans, made from a heavy twill-weave cotton fabric from Genoa. known in Britain as jene fustian, in the 19th century or even earlier. These were working clothes that were thrown away when they wore out. The same goes for the early Levi's work pants made from a French fabric, serge de Nimes - from which the word denim is derived - by Levi Strauss, a Bavarian emigré, in the 1850s for gold miners in San Francisco.

Vintage garments are even rarer because the Japanese have been pouncing on any they can get their hands on. "All the old stuff tends to wing straight over to Japan where they are fascinated by 20th-century design." Ms Marsh said. "But the interest in Britain is mushrooming."

On vintage jeans, the writing on the red pocket tab is styled as LEVI'S rather than Levi's. Collectors refer to these items as Capital E's. According to the latest Miller's guide, which is to be published tomorrow, another important element is "selvedge" a white edge marked with red feint lines on the inner trouser seams which shows that the jeans have not been made on modern looms. Lemon, rather than orange.

stitching also denotes age.
As well as antique denim, the precursors of the fashionable modern training shoe are also commanding increasingly large sums. A pair of Nike shoes from the early 1970s in reasonable condition could

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Brussels attacked for ageism

By Paul WILKINSON

A MIDDLE-AGED man who has been out of full-time employment for a decade has launched a campaign against ageism. Andrew Dundas, 53, a former marketing director, says he has been denied regular work since 1987 because of his age. Now he has attacked the European Commission for its declared policy of not recruiting staff over 35.

He has been helped by Ann Cryer, the prospective Labour candidate for Keighley, west

Yorkshire. They have persuaded 20 British MEPs to support a petition to the European Parliament declaring their opposition to the

Mr Dundas, from Ilkley, west Yorkshire, who took redundancy from Cutty Sark whisky in 1987, has the support of trade unionists and several British companies including British Airways and Marks & Spencer.

Klaus Hansch, the former president of the European Parliament, justified the policy

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general secretary of the broadcasting union Bectu. He said: "Integrating people over 35 or environment which is generally very different from the one in which they have previously

Mr Bolton said: "The argument he uses is disgraceful. I can see no reason why the same argument could not be used to exclude people on the grounds of race, gender or

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problematic."

Landlord's gas death conviction quashed

A LANDLORD whose 19vear-old tenant died because of a faulty gas fire had his manslaughter conviction quashed by the Court of Appeal yesterday. It found that, because

Thomas Beedie, 47, had pleaded guilty to an offence under the Health and Safety Act, he could not be charged later with manslaughter. After Tracy Murphy died from carbon monoxide poisoning at her bedsit at Kingston upon Hull in 1993, it was found that the gas fire had not been serviced for nine years and the chimney was blocked with debris. Beedie pleaded guilty after being prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive and was fined £1.500. He was taken to court by the local council over gas installations in other bedsits, given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £1,000 costs.

In 1994 an inquest jury returned a verdict of unlawful killing and police notified the Crown Prosecution Service. Beedie pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Sheffield Crown Court last year and received an 18-month sus-pended sentence after the judge rejected the plea that he had already faced a trial over the same incident.

Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Dyson and Mr Justice Timothy Walker said yesterday that the trial judge was wrong in saying there were special circumstances why the manslaughter charge should be heard.

The public interest in a prosecution for manslaughter and the understandable concern of the victim's family were, no doubt, good reasons for allowing the prosecution to proceed. They did not. however, give rise to special circumstances," Lord Justice Rose said. The trial should not have gone ahead as it was based on the same facts as the earlier prosecutions.

The judges said they did not understand why the police. safety executive or council did not alert the CPS earlier. Beedie would then have faced a manslaughter charge in the first case.



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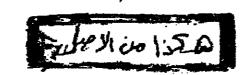
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Neanderthal man: team hopes to extract DNA

Neanderthal fossils may reveal our missing link

By Nigel Hawkes

SCIENTISTS hope to answer one of the greatest questions about human origins by extracting DNA from the fossils of Neanderthal man.

Success should tell us if Neanderthal man is our ancestor, as some experts believe, or if he was merely a side-shoot on our family tree, with no descendants. Chris Stringer, of the Natural History Museum, who believes the latter theory, cited last week's report that DNA had been taken from Cheddar Man,

who lived in the Stone Age.

If it is possible to get DNA from Cheddar Man, who lived 9,000 years ago, why not from Neanderthal man, who lived 30,000 years ago?" he said. He has been exploring caves in Gibraltar, one of which contains the remains of a Neanderthal child whose DNA may be recoverable.

Bryan Sykes, of the Institute of Molecular Medicine at Oxford, which extracted DNA from Cheddar Man, has been working on Neanderthal remains from Israel, so far without success. The Gibraltar boy is next to be tested.

If Neanderthal man is our ancestor, his DNA would be a close match with some of the peoples of Europe. It should be possible to identify direct descendants. "My view is that it would be completely different, showing that Neanderthal man left no descendants." Dr Stringer said. This would strengthen the theory that modern humans evolved in Africa and colonised the world

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Why more tourists spent less cash

Economy wilted as Britain sweltered in summer of '95

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE hot, dry summer of 1995 had a huge impact on the economy and our way of life, scientists said yesterday. The number of fires soared; the fertility of pigs and chickens fell; and the water, fire and road maintenance services were stretched to the limit. Researchers from the Univ-

ersity of East Anglia, who have been trying to ascertain the impact of global warming on Britain, say that while the impact on some areas of the economy was beneficial on others it was negative and costly. Their report, commissioned by the Department of the Environment, says that the way some sectors of the economy operate must be reappraised if they are to survive

global warming. Dr Susan Subak said yesterday that the impact on the British holiday industry had been the most surprising. While 1995 was a bumper year for holidays in Britain, with the number of long and short breaks rising by as much as 30 per cent, trippers spent hun-dreds of millions of pounds less than in previous years. "We can only speculate that when the weather is better, people are not indoors spending money and buying things," Dr Subak said.

John Gummer, the Environ-

an increase in beer and fruit sales.

carrots did not.

of the mild winter.

ment Secretary whose constituency covers the coast of Suffolk, said the findings confirmed his own observations. He said the tourist industry in Felixstowe dreaded really good weather.

"What they want is decent enough weather Ito attract day trippers], but not the hot weather. This is because people do not then go on rides, they do not go on the slot machines, but enjoy them-selves on the beach." The researchers say that as

well as the seaside towns, there are implications for heritage towns and leading museums, art galleries and other cultural attractions that rely increasingly on visitors rather than state handouts to survive. "In recent years there has been heavy investment in all-

weather leisure centre facili-

ties to counter the vagaries of the British weather," the report says. Jean Palutikof of the university said these centres may turn out to be white elephants as people become more like Americans, interested in outdoor pursuits such as walking. camping and cycling. "In the past the British tourist industry has been into weather protection. It is now going to have to move away from this

and look at how it can make

money out of outdoor pursuits," he said.

An increase in dry, hot weather and a switch to holidays at home carries a cost. Accidental grassland and forest fires, as well as those started deliberately, were 54 per cent higher in 1995 than in the previous year. At the height of the summer, callouts to Warwickshire fire service increased from an average of 50-75 a day to 400 a day.

The weather in 1995 cost agriculture £180 million. Whereas arable crops showed a gain of £30 million, livestock losses amounted to about £207 million: trout farms lost £4 million during the drought.

The potato crop fell, as did the pig population. The researchers say a 1 per cent decline in pigs was being linked to a drop in fertility. Rising temperatures caused a rise in embryo mortality and sows spent less time feeding litters and more time wallow ing to keep cool. "Possible adaptive measures include using sprinklers and more wallows to offset the hot conditions," the report says.

The researchers say some sectors are already addressing the prospect of warmer weather asphalt similar to that used in southern Australia is being developed to avoid melting roads. The railways are trying rails that do not buckle in the heat.

Mr Gummer said the findings strengthened the need to cut back emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. At a meeting last week in Bonn, the European Union called for a 10 per cent cut in emissions by 2010.

But Mr Gummer, looking forward to the big summit in Kyoto, Japan, in December, said: "We were sorry to find that yet again the United States, Australia and Japan do not understand the urgency of the situation. The US in particular failed to show the leadership that it needs to do as the world's biggest waster of



Ian and Sandra Marshall with their daughters Sarah, left, and Tracy

Robbers shoot shopkeeper who defied crime wave

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A SHOPKEEPER who had pledged not to be driven out of a troubled estate by criminals was shot dead when he tackled two masked robbers. Ian Marshall, 48, discov-

ered his father-in-law being held at gunpoint at the back of his grocery and off-licence in Sale, near Manchester. He was shot three times in the head and chest after going to his aid.

Paramedics called to the shop at about 10pm on Monday had to wait 23 minutes for police to declare the area safe. They put on flak jackets before entering and finding the body.

Mr Marshall had run the shop on the Racecourse council estate for 15 years and was renowned for his friendliness. The estate has been a target for crime: residents said there had been several raids on the post office and that Mr Mar-shall had been threatened

several times before. Detectives believe that he may have injured one of the robbers with a knife he had been working with just before he died. They are looking for two black men, one oft tall and the other 5ft Sin. They were wearing bala-clavas and dark clothing.

Mr Marshall's wife, Sandra, and their daughters Tracy, 19, and Sarah, 17, were being comforted by relatives yesterday at their home in Stretford. His father-in-law, William, is believed to have suffered a severe asthma at-

tack during the shooting.

Tracy Marshall said last night: "If somebody was trying to rob him, he would try to fight back. I just wish he hadn't, then he might be alive today. But I don't think there was anything I could have done to change him.

"He was a wonderful father

community around the shop is very upset about what has happened." Wreaths were laid near the spot where he died yesterday.

Richard Keane, 22, a resident of the estate, said: "He always said he would not be forced out by criminals on the estate. Everyone is badly shocked." Susan Lewis, 30, a neighbour of the shopkeeper, said: "Ian condemned crime and vowed never to become a victim. He often worked late with his wife and father-inlaw. Just a few weeks ago he was threatened by a man with a knife."

Maureen Wright, 59, said: "He was a lovely family man who used to send Christmas cards to all his customers. He was kind to everybody. Only on Monday night he asked my four-year-old grandson Stuart if he had been good and gave him a packet of crisps."

Accused *'pointed'* gun after car chase in Mini'

By Russell Jenkins

A DRIVER threatened to shoot another motorist in the head with a revolver after a traffic argument, a court was

told yesterday. Ian Machin, 27, of Swinton Greater Manchester, was said to have tracked down Michael Chaloner to his parents' house after an argument on the road led to a chase that left both

their vehicles damaged.
Waiting for Mr Chaloner to appear, he threatened his mother, Sylvia, 55, with the gun, opened the chamber to show her that the bullets were real and said that he was going to kill her son, Minshull Street Crown Court in Manchester was told.

When Mr Chaloner arrived with his father in their camper van, Mr Machin ran up to the cabin and held the gun at their faces shouting, "You're dead

before shooting out a tyre.

Mr Chaloner. 25, a painter and decorator, also of Swinton, told the court: "I was scared. We tried to reverse the camper van, but he shot out the tyre. Afterwards we went into the house to get the police. My mother was already on the telephone screaming and in a distraught state."
Mr Machin denies illegal

possession of a firearm, having it with intent to cause fear and making a threat to kill, and charges of affray.

The incident, last October, began when Mr Chaloner clashed with Mr Machin on a road in Swinton. Mr Machin was said to have came up behind him at speed as Mr Chaloner pulled out to avoid a parked car, causing Mr Machin's Mini to take evasive action. There was an argument and insults were exchanged.

When Mr Machin stopped his car in front of the van, Mr Chaloner pulled down a side street to escape. William Baker, for the prosecution, said that there was a chase as Mr Chaloner tried to get away from his pursuer. When Mr Machin tried to block the road, Mr Chaloner drove through a gap damaging both the van and the Mini. The trial continues.

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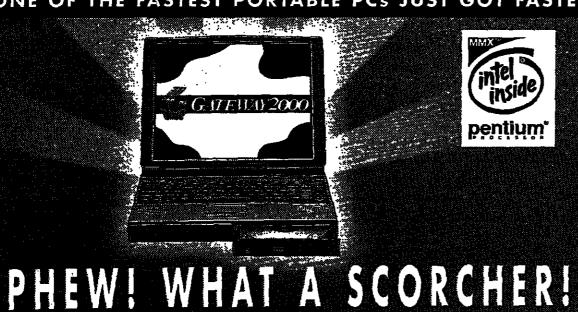
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Inquiry ordered into 'sectarianism' at minister's office

BY AUDRRY MACEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW. the Northern Ireland Secretary, ordered an inquiry yesterday into allegations of sectarian harassment in the private office of one of his junior ministers.

The independent inquiry will examine the role of Baroness Denton of Wakefield, who is alleged to have flouted the province's fair employment rules and condoned sectarianism. The dispute has been aggravated by a series of leaks to the media, fuelling suspicions of a sectarian motive.

Sir Patrick said that criticism of Baroness Denton, who has responsibility for the Northern Ireland's fair employment legislation, was unjust and without foundation. She had his "entire confidence

Lady Denton, the Economy and Agriculture Minister, has resisted pressure to resign over her handling of two cases within her private office. In the first and more serious case, a Roman Catholic woman member of staff at the Department of Agriculture was the victim of sectarian harassment by a Protestant private secretary. Last month Grainne Hedley, a married woman in her mid-30s, was awarded £10,000 by the Fair **Employment Commission for** the harassment inflicted by Alvina Saunders during the

Mrs Hedley's complaint

By James Landale

MINISTERS conceded yester-

day that they might be unable

to overturn the Government's

latest defeat in the House of

Opposition peers voted by

109 to 67 in favour of a

substantial amendment to the

Crime and Punishment (Scot-

land) Bill. The amendment

was to ensure that new remis-

sion and parole do not result

in longer sentences. Michael



Denton: resisting pressure to resign

made by Mrs Saunders that she was glad that Orangemen were able to go ahead with a parade in Portadown in July 1995. Mrs Saunders's remarks regarded by Mrs Hedley, a diary secretary, to be triumphalist.

However, contrary to Northern Irish law, Mrs Hedley, who has spent 16 years in the Civil Service, was transferred while Mrs Saunders stayed as private secretary to the minister. Confidential documents show that Baroness Denton approved of and facilitated Mrs Hedley's

In the second case, Lady Denton was said to have breached the Government's fair employment procedures by appointing a private travelling secretary who was not shortlisted for the post. Susan Foster applied directly to the minister rather than through the normal procedures.

Forsyth, the Scottish Secre-

tary, said the defeat meant

that rapists and other crimi-

nals would be released earlier

in Scotland and accused Lab-

Lord Mackay of Drum-

adoon, the Lord Advocate,

said that there might not be

enough parliamentary time

before the election to overturn

the amendment. The defeat is

a further complication for

ministers who are striving to

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our of being soft on crime.

the 1995 transfer and knew nothing about the alleged sectarian element in the case. He said: "Jean Denton has proved herself a fine, fair and tireless worker for all in Northern Ireland, regardless of gender or tradition."

But the allegations have outraged Catholics. The SDLP and Sinn Fein have said that her that position is untenable. Lady Denton, a 61-year-old

former racing driver - twice British women's champion -is steadfast. "It is not my intention to resign," she said. She is a high-profile figure in Northern Ireland. Her ap-

pointment to office in 1994 was welcomed by both sides of the political divide. However, it is understood there has been tension between her and some civil servants over the way she has imposed her will and rejected their advice. She worked as Health Min-

ister before taking on economic affairs and has worked hard to place women's issues centre stage. She successfully fought breast cancer and is admired by many for her hard work. The inquiry will be chaired

by Dr Maurice Hayes, a retired Roman Catholic permanent secretary in the Northern Ireland Civil Service, and former Ombudsman in Northern Ireland. He is due to complete the report by mid-

The Northern Ireland Office has also ordered an inquiry into leaks to the media. It is to be led by Bill Innes, a retired

Crime Bill defeat may stand

tion in the Lords before Parlia-

ment is dissolved, possibly

before Easter. Four substantial Bills and 26 smaller measures are now before peers. IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: backbench debates; Foreign Office questions; Representation of the People, European Parliamentary Elections and Local Elections orders. National Health Service (Primary Care) Bill; debate on prescribing of Lariam. In the Lords: debates on the need for an integrated transport policy; the rural economy; London Local Authorities Bill.



Parties are striving to turn the beer drinker's head

BY POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR and Tory spokesmen, each presenting his party as the true champion of

consumers' rights, argued over a pint of beer yesterday.
Nigel Griffiths said that under a Labour government oubs would have to serve beer in bigger glasses, ensuring that drinkers were given a full measure.

But Charles Hendry, a Tory party vice-chairman, said that Labour's proposed minimum wage would force up the price of a pint by as much as 10p, adding: "Drinkers up and down the country would find that hard to swallow."

Mr Hendry's claim is supported by a new leaflet quoting Anthony Fuller, chairman of the London-based family Fuller, Smith and Turner. Mr Fuller bases the 10p increase - on beer served in the company's managed houses - on a minimum age set at £4 an hour.

Labour has not set a rate for the minimum wage, although it has not accepted the TUC's commended £4.26 an hour. It is expected that a Labour government would set the hourly rate at about £3.50.

Mr Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman. said that drinkers were entitled to a full liquid pint, not including the froth at the top of the glass. "Loyal beer drinkers are fed up with the excuses of some brewers for not giving them the full pint they have paid for."

His announcement was welcomed by Camra, the Campaign for Real Ale. Ben Wardle, a spokesman, said a survey had shown that one in four pints contained less than the brewing industry guide-line of 95 per cent liquid. "This should be an absolute minibecoming the norm. If the industry can't do anything about it, then the Government

Mr Wardle said that customers were being cheated of an estimated £1 million a day by pubs serving short measures. Glasses marked with pint-level lines were the best solution

But the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association is against the proposal, arguing that the cost of introducing new glasses would have to be passed to the customer. The head is part of a pint of beer." the association said. "If customers think they are given too big a head, then they can ask for it to be topped up."

The Department of Trade and Industry said ministers believed that the cost of changing the law would be disproportionate to the consumer benefit".

The pro-Europe majority is fighting back

made the running at Westminster and in the press for so long that it is easy to forget that there is a sizeable majority, both in the Commons and among businessmen, in favour of a positive British role in the European Union. That is the significance of the advertisement in The Times today, organised by the European Movement, and signed by 97 MPs of all main parties. This says it is crucial that Britain should remain "a full and committed member of the EU and gives warning that "to contemplate leaving the EU is to contemplate disaster". Not by concidence. the phrase full and commitment member" also appears in yesterday's CBI sponsored letter to the Financial Times signed by 23 leading

industrialists. The signatories on both lists will no doubt be dismissed by the sceptics as the voices of the Establishment And so they are. But being part of the Establishment does not necessarily mean you are wrong. however much the sceptics. including some High Tory figures. like to depict themselves as populists.

The businessmen include the chairmen or chief executives of the leading British companies in aerospace, air travel. telecommunications. chemicals, food, steel, electronics, oil and drugs. The politicians list includes three former Cabinet ministers, 17 other former ministers, and ten current Labour frontbenchers. Many are senior MPs, including 22 retiring at the election, while just 23 have entered the Commons over the

past ten years. Today's advertisement and esterday's letter are a muchneeded corrective to the unreality of the recent debate over Europe. Much of the rhetoric of the sceptics is absurdly over the top in conjuring up a sinister vision of an all powerful Brussels and Germany. The full alternatives are seldom addressed. The sceptics contrast a European superstate with an comfortable sounding looser arrangement following a painless renegotiation. But that option is not available. We cannot have the advantages of the single market without accepting instituON POLITICS

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tions such as the European Court of Justice. Once the real alternatives. and benefits of the EU, are

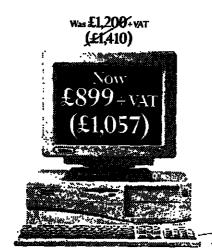
highlighted, I have little doubt that the public would again support our membership in any referendum. A cautiously positive view is suggested by vesterday's survey by Opinion Research Business for the European Commission. Yet the Tory party may have to go through many convulsions. and possible splinters, before it recognises that reality. This is similar not just to Labour's travails over Europe from the late 1960s until the late 1980s, but also its twists and turns over nuclear defence. Just as Labour could never have been elected with an explicitly unilateralist programme, so the Tories would be unelectable if they became openly hostile to British membership of the EU. I doubt if they will - not least because of the weight of business opinion.

B ut the swing in the sceptical direction during the 1990s has made the leaderships of both parties cautious. Worried by polls and focus groups. Tony Blair's advisers do not want him to be outflanked by the Tories on Europe, and have been suggesting that Labour would probably not take Britain into a single currency in January 1999. But that should not be. mistaken for Euroscepticism. A Blair government, particularly one with a solid majority in the Commons, would take distinctively pro-European line. As on so many other issues, the precise outcome will depend on the Gordon Brown/Robin Cook rivairy.

Unlike their counterparts in the rest of Europe, many pro-European businessmen and politicians wish that the issue of monetary union was not on the agenda now. Neither the advertisement nor the letter mentions the single currency because the signatories are divided on its merits. But both initiatives demonstrate that pro-Europeans are deter-mined to fight back.

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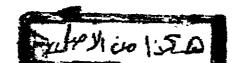
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Gynaecologist who denied having Aids virus is struck off

By Adrian Lee

THE gynaecologist at the centre of an HIV scare involving 1,700 women was ordered to be struck off by the General Medical Council yesterday.

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> Patrick Ngosa, 39, who feared he almost certainly had the Aids virus, but continued to practise, was ordered to be removed from the register for putting his patients at risk.

Dr Ngosa lied blatantly, covered up an affair with a woman who was HIV positive and caused his patients mental suffering by delaying a test for the virus, a disciplinary hearing was told.

Determined to keep working at almost any cost, he had betrayed his patients and the public. His actions were driven by fear of public exposure and the stigma of having the virus, the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee was told. He was terrified of losing his job and his marriage after his affair with the divorcee, named only as Mrs A.

Dr Ngosa, who is thought to have fled to his native Zambia, worked at five NHS hospitals in Essex, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire between 1991 and last January. He knew, from May last year, that he could be HIV positive. but ignored repeated requests by the medical authorities to undergo a test.

Rosalind Foster, for the GMC, said: This case is about a doctor's disregard of his professional responsibility, his determination to remain in practice at almost all costs, irrespective of the risk to his patients, his refusal to put himself forward for HIV testing ... and above all his dishonesty when faced with the allegation that he had a sexual

relationship with Mrs A." The doctor was ethically. obliged to take a test as soon as he knew there was a risk, she said. Instead, he denied the affair and worked until he had a positive test in January this year. Almost 2,000

women who were treated by Dr Ngosa have been sent letters telling them that they are at risk. Many women could have been spared the ordeal that they have been suffering over the last few days," Miss Foster said,

Dr Ngosa, a father of three, admitted failing to take adequate steps to verify his HIV status but denied that this amounted to serious professional misconduct.

Miss Foster said that he had a duty to put his patients first, but he viewed the authority's elforts as an intrusion. He embarked on a course of



Ngosa: believed to have fled back to Zambia

denial and deception involving a professional colleague whose motive was essentially to help Dr Ngosa to fulfil his professional responsibility to his patients".

He said that he had only ever kissed and cuddled Mrs A, whom he had met when they were neighbours in hospital accommodation.

In February this year Dr Ngosa finally admitted sleeping with Mrs A, who believed she had contracted the Aids virus from him in September 1995. They had slept together only twice. Nicola Davies, for Dr Ngosa, said he had been devastated when Mrs A told

him she was HIV positive. He was in the course of sitting medica) examinations and told his representatives later: "I wanted to avoid caving in. losing everything, my family. my job. I was scared."

He was now under a deferred death sentence, Miss Davies said, but had conlessed the affair to his wife. "Her reaction was that, in reality, he was already dying."

A graduate in human biology. Dr Ngosa had been sponsored to come to Britain to qualify. He had a widowed mother and two brothers in Zambia and sent home £200 a month. "It was not deliherately dishonest. It was an inability to accept what had occurred. It was fear, pure and simple, which prompted this man's actions," Miss Davies

She added that Dr Ngosa had always worn double rubber gloves when working and knew the risk of passing on his infection was low. Striking off Dr Ngosa imm-

ediately, Sir Herbert Duthie, the committee chairman, said the doctor had a duty to be tested and to seek and follow professional advice. "Dr Ngosa failed to put the safety of his patients foremost. When confronted with the information which suggested he had been at risk of HIV infection, Dr Ngosa seriously and per-

sistently misled this council and others. His behaviour was a betrayal of his patients' trust and undermined the trust placed by the public in the profession. Such behaviour cannot be tolerated." Dr Ngosa has 28 days in

which to appeal. A spokesman for the North Thames Region of the NHS said he was "pretty confident that we know all the hospitals where he treated patients". By yesterday more than 7,000 people had called helplines set up after it was disclosed on Friday that the doctor was HIV positive.



Vegetarian chef loses benefit for refusing to cook meat

By Daniel McGrory

A VEGETARIAN whose social security payments were stopped when he refused to work in carnivorous kitchens is arguing that he has a moral right not to cook meat.

Simon Beavis, 25, who trained at some of London's finest restaurants, has the support of the Vegetarian Society in his appeal against the Benefits Agency. He made his decision to prepare only vegetarian dishes after he became ill with stress, which he blamed on working in a seafood restaurant where lobsters were boiled alive. "It is not the noise, because

I know that is caused by the

shell contracting — it is the look in their eyes as they go in the water." said Mr Beavis, a vegetarian since he was 12

There is a clause in the iobseeker's allowance about conscientious objections and if I were Jewish I would not have to cook pork. But because I am a vegetarian I have no rights."

Mr Beavis, a single parent, says that he lost £400 in bseeker's allowance and housing benefit payments last November after telling the jobcentre in Penzance. Cornwall, that he would not cook meat. He said officials told him he was restricting his

chances of employment. "I tried living without any

am a lone parent and I had to back down or starve, so I said I would take any job even if I did have to cook meat. I complained about the ruling and an adjudication went against me. The next appeal is to an independent tribunal."

Samantha Calvert, of the Vegetarian Society, said: "We believe a vegetarian has the right to refuse a job that involves handling or cooking meat." Jim Ainsworth, editor of The Good Food Guide. said: "It is not unheard of for a chef not to touch meat or seafood, but if he wants to work as a mainstream chef then I can see it being a bit of a handicap."

Ex-football star was three times over limit

By Paul WILKINSON

MALCOLM MACDONALD. the former England footballer who has admitted drinking three bottles of whisky a day, pleaded guilty yesterday to drink-driving.

MacDonald, known as

Supermac to fans in the 1970s when he played centre-for-ward for Newcastle United, Arsenal and England, was more than three times over the legal limit when stopped by police. He told magistrates in Newcastle upon Tyne that he was now receiving treatment at a detoxification centre.

MacDonald's career ended at the age of 29 when osteoarthritis developed in both knees. In a newspaper interview last Sunday, he said he drank whisky to deaden the pain in his legs.

MacDonald, 47, represent-

ed himself in court. Shaking visibly, he said: "I am very sorry and ashamed to be here. I am guilty of having driven with excess alcohol in me and, immediately afterwards, realising I had a problem, I went to my GP."

Roger Liddle, for the prosecution, said MacDonald was stopped on February 12 in the Jesmond area of Newcastle. He was arrested and taken to a police station, where he gave two breath samples. The lower one recorded 108 micrograms of alcohol per 100ml of breath: the legal limit is 35mcg.
MacDonald, who still holds

the record of the most goals scored in an England match five against Cyprus in 1975 told the court he had experienced bankruptcy and that his telephone line business in Milan, had been closed by the Italian Government.

Until he was charged with drink-driving, he appeared five nights a week on a phonein football show on local radio. He said: "I am not that well off, I can assure you. I am having to start all over again." Magistrates adjourned the case for three weeks for reports. MacDonald was given an interim driving ban and was bailed unconditionally until April 1.

NEWS IN BRIEF **Driver** is killed in

fog pile-up For the second time in 24 hours motorists were involved in a fatal multiple collision while driving too fast in fog. One man died and several were injured, one seriously, in a series of collisions on the dual-carriageway A19 near Crathorne, North Yorkshire, early yesterday. On Monday three people died and 62 were injured while speeding on the fog-bound M42 in the West Midlands.

Drinks all-clear

Radiation tests on samples from II drinks manufacturers have proved negative. It was feared that a tanker which supplied them with carbon dioxide might have been contaminated by a leak at a Scottish Nuclear plant.

Clegg attacked

Military police in Catterick, North Yorkshire, are investigating an attack by two fellow soldiers on Lance Corporal Lee Clegg, who was freed on licence after being jailed for life for the murder of a joy rider in Northern Ireland.

McAliskey plea

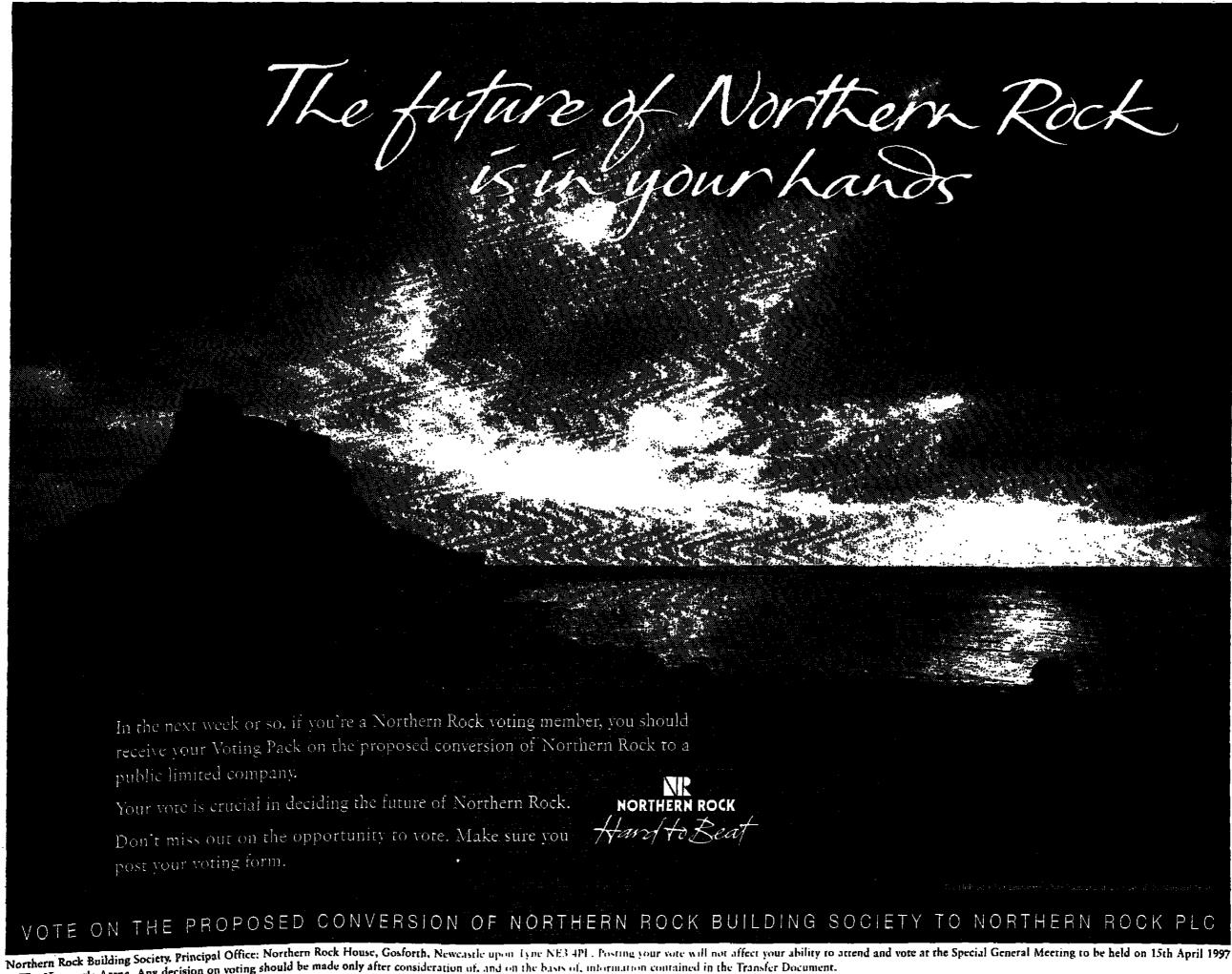
The latest High Court application for bail by Roisin McAliskey. 25, who is wanted in Germany in connection with the bombing of a British army base and is seven months' pregnant, was adjourned until Friday.

Death riddle

An inquest into the death of a woman whose body was dug up in a garden in southeast London last week was told that police did not yet know how she was killed. Diana Goldsmith, 44, vanished from Sevenoaks, Kent, in 1995.

Golden oldies

The yachtsman Tony Bullimore, who is 58, and the Virgin Challenger balloonist Alex Ritchie, 52, will receive British Gold Hero medals from the Association of Retired and Persons Over 50 in London next week.



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Police racketeers breed allies for rebels in Kinshasa

SUCH is the state of President Mobutu's prestige these days that hungry Zaireans have planted cassava shrubs in the lawn of his marble palace in the suburb of Binza.

Across the street Zola, 23, punched the air and pledged allegiance to the ailing President's nemesis. "I am a volun-teer for [Laurent] Kabila." he yelled, setting off a squabble among carpenter colleagues about who would prove to be the best fighter for Zaire's rebel leader

Mr Kabila's guerrillas claim to have encircled Kisangani. 2,000 miles away across impenetrable forest, and to have infiltrated the city with commandos. No such professional infiltration is necessary in the capital. Kinshasa. Mr Mobutu's own armed forces have ensured through racketeering that the people they are supposed to protect would be

in the rebel vanguard.

The local head of Mr
Mobutu's gendarmes turned
up at Zola's roadside
workshop with a large lorry
on Monday. Like all the other artisans producing 1970s-style leatherette suites, beds and wardrobes, Zola had refused to pay the local police protection money.
They took as much as they

could before we started ston-Mobutu and his forces have denied us our rights for too long. We will fight him for making us strangers in our own land," he spat.

Just as Zaire's ruler for 31 years has abandoned his Kinshasa palace of crumbling white marble and mould, so his Government is rotting, leaving a power vacuum which has panicked France with fears that Mr Kabila and his allies in Rwanda and Uganda may take the whole of



Mobutu's troops are unable to match brilliant guerrilla tactics and propaganda, Sam Kiley reports from Kinshasa

France's real interest is in

stopping the rebel advance,

and in securing a safe future for Mr Mobutu and his cro-

nies, long-standing clients of

But the Hutu refugees are in

a desperate state. Hundreds have died of starvation on

their long march, herded as

human shields against attack

by the Tutsi-dominated rebels

by their own extremist lead-

ers. Yesterday the UN's High

Commissioner for Refugees

said tens of thousands were

arriving in Ubundu, 60 miles south of Kisangani. and that

aid workers were over-whelmed by the refugees' need

This attitude has done noth-

ing to convince Paris that Mr

Kabila should be included in

any ceasefire talks. France has

insisted that he is a puppet of Rwanda and Uganda and his rebellion is nothing less than

an invasion of anglophones. "If Kinshasa were to go

crazy after Kisangani falls, it

will be because Kabila could not get there in time to impose

order," said a West European

diplomat. "The blame could be

placed on his absence from the capital, not on his presence in Zaire," he said, adding: "A

new order may be dawning in Zaire, and the French should try to accommodate it."

☐ Town captured: Zaire's De-

fence Ministry acknowledged

that rebels had captured the

southern town of Moba in the

copper-rich province of

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Shaba. (Reuter)

for food and clean water.

the Elysée Palace.

So far the rebels have captured almost a third of the country. Using a combination of brilliant guerrilla tactics and propaganda, the alliance has been able to sweep up vast tracts of land without a shot being fired. This week Mr Kabila gave all senior officers in Kisangani until tomorrow join his movement or risk

being considered "traitors". Military sources in the capital estimated that Kisangani has about 3,000 government troops to defend 500,000 civil-

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ians, because all other solcers, have fled the city which controls the River Congo. France has been pressing

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the United Nations Security Council to authorise foreign military intervention to protect 200,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees whom Paris claims are being slaughtered by the advancing rebels, or who are at risk of death by starvation after five months of trekking through the eastern forests. The appeals have been ig-

nored by most other members of the UN, who believe that

UN chief retreats over call for troops

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

KOFI ANNAN, the United Nations Secretary-General, held talks about the crisis in eastern Zaire during his visit to London last month, but never mentioned the creation of a multinational intervention force.

The next day he travelled to Paris and, egged on by French officials, announced that he hoped UN members consider sending troops into the Zairean jungle to help with the rescue of stranded refugees. Britain and the United States said that they were deeply sceptical about military intervention far inside Zaire.

Since his return to New York, Mr Annan has backed away from the more grandi-ose interpretations of his appeal for intervention and, in a Security Council briefing last Friday, spoke only of a "monitoring mechanism" to oversee a ceasefire - possibly by aircraft or even satellite.

However, President Chirac yesterday reiterated France's demand for "urgently needed humanitarian intervention" to save tens of thousands of refugees - most of them Rwandan Hutus still fleeing from rebels backed by the Rwandan Government.

Asked about plans for a

multinational force yesterday, the chief UN spokesman said: "It's not up to the UN Secretary-General to authorise a force. He floated the idea. He tried to light a fire under a few governments. He did what he could. That does not, at the moment, look like the likely solution to the problem." States last night rejected any immediate support for the proposed multinational force but said America would pursue a ceasefire in Zaire and

encourage the delivery of

humanitarian aid.



A statue of a woman with four children on her lap is displayed at a news conference in Cairo. Ali Hassan, the Government's chief Egyptologist, said the 3ft high carving ranked in quality with some of the best pieces in the Egyptian MuEgyptians unveil ancient statue

seum in Cairo. Thought to have been crafted in a royal workshop at least 3,000 years ago, the statue was found last week by a man digging foundations for a house in the Nile delta. Mr Hassan said he had ordered archaeologists to comb the area in case the statue is part of a cache, hidden for safekeeping. Although it has a

Two fires at nuclear factory

Tokyo: Fire broke out after an explosion at a nuclear wastehandling plant last night officials said. However, radia tion levels in the area were normal and no evacuation was ordered. It was not known if the building was occupied, the state-run Power. Reactor and Nuclear Fun Development Corp said:

It was the second fire in terr hours at the low-level radioac-tive waste plant at Tokai village, 70 miles from Tokyo; The first exposed about ten-workers to a tiny level of radiation (AP/Reuter)

Harriman effects on sale.

New York: Paintings, furni-ture and Churchilliana belonging to the late Pamela Harriman are to be sold af auction in New York (Quentin Letts writes). Mrs Harriman the US Ambassador to Paris who died after a stroke last month, was a celebrated socialite whose first husband was Randolph Churchill, son of Sir Winston.

Sultan fights sex claim

New York: The Sultan of Brunei and his brother. Prince Jefri, launched legal action against Shannon Marketic, 26. a former Miss America, who claimed she was kidnapped at their Brunei palace. and asked to perform sexual antics (Quentin Letts writes). The Sultan launched a breachof ethics and formal grievance

Chinese will revise history

Hong Kong Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive designate of Hong Kong, said that the territory's history textbooks will be revised after the transfer of sovereignty in July (Jonathan Mirsky writes). The move came after a similar statement by Qian Qichen, China's Foreign Minister, was attacked by Chris Patten, the

French hands tied over time

Brussels: France was overruled by its European partners when it attempted to win

Diver finds wreck of £2bn treasure ship

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN OSLO

A NORWEGIAN diver has found the wreck of a Spanish galleon which sank off Ecuador in 1654 and its treasure estimated to be worth between \$3.5 billion (£2.2 billion) and \$4 billion, the Norwegian press reported yesterday.

Anton Smith received conexperts on Monday that the wreck off Punta Carnero is indeed La Capitana Jesús Maria, which left Peru for Panama in 1654 but sank soon after sailing. About 10 per cent of the valuables on board were

rescued: the rest sank. Mr Smith began searching for the ship three years ago, using old maps from 1654. The captain of the ship, who survived, had identified the approximate site of the wreck. Mr Smith had spent the last few weeks in Ecuador, waiting for the go-ahead from the authorities to start the final search. After three days of scanning the seabed with ultra-modern technology, he

A group of Norwegian investors have formed a company. La Capitana Invest Inc. to raise the necessary money to have the wreck raised. According to the Norwegian

financial daily Dagens Naeringsliv, 50 per cent of the treasure will go to Ecuador. Of the rest. La Capitana Invest is entitled to a finder's fee of about 29 per cent, it said.



Smith: used old maps in three-year search

Husain rebukes Netanyahu

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Arab-Israeli crisis deepened yesterday after Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, twice rejected telephone calls from Binyamin Netanyahu, and details emerged of a tense and unprecedented exchange of messages between King Husain of Jordan and the Israeli Prime Minister.

said Mr Arafat had ordered a suspension of all top-level contacts with Israelis and had called foreign diplomats to an emergency meeting in Gaza. His spokesman, Nabil Abourdeneh, denied such an order had been given, but said there were no negotiations for the moment.

The crisis, accompanied by warnings of impending wide-

scale street violence, erupted after Israel's decision to start a settlement for 32,000 Jews in occupied Arab east Jerusalem, and to hand back to the Palestinians a further 9 per cent of the occupied West Bank instead of the 30 per cent demanded. The verbal exchanges have

deen tollowed by dally clash es between Israeli troops and stone-throwers in the West Bank. Yesterday a 19-yearold Israeli soldier who was guarding a settlement near Hebron was gravely ill in hospital after being stabbed 20 times by two masked Arabs who stole his gun.

The collapse in Israeli-Arab relations was demonstrated in a hostile and

personal four-page letter sent to Mr Netanyahu by King Husain, a man usually known for his measured language and polite diplo-matic manner. He was also the one Arab leader who stood by Mr Netanyahu after his surprise election defeat of Shimon Peres last May.

sections of the Jorganian message appeared in yesterday's Hebrew press. Most were confirmed by angry Israeli officials, although David Bar-Illan, Mr Netanyahu's chief spokesman, denied the main headline in Maariv, which quoted the King as telling the Israeli Prime Minister: "I have not a trace of trust in you."

Israel radio reported that

tense telephone conversation between the two. According to the Tel Aviv paper Yediol Ahronot, the King told Mr Netanyahu: "Should you not cancel the decision to build on Har Homa, it will bring about an explosion in the peace process," ine Kir g, who dersonally

the letter was preceded by a

warned Mr Netanyahu of the dangers of proceeding with Har Homa only two weeks ago in Amman, said in the letter that the Israeli leader had repeatedly confused him in policies he has taken vis 4. vis the Palestinians. "This is the most difficult period between Israel and Jordan," the monarch, who made peace with Israel in 1994, added.

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Clinton and FBI clash over Chinese role in campaign funds

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A RARE and potentially damaging rift emerged within the Administration yesterday after President Clinton clashed publicly with the FBI over Chinese involvement in domestic American politics.

Bringing further embarrassment to the White House, the discord came as the current fundraising controversy brought the biggest dent to the President's popularity in almost two years, his approval

ratings dipping by five points to 55 President and his closest advisers. per cent in the latest Washington "For whatever reasons, they were

Post/ABC poll.
The FBI disputed a White House version of why President Clinton was not informed of intelligence reports that Beijing had attempted to influence the outcome of last year's American election with substantial campaign contributions.

Mr Clinton said that FBI agents who had briefed two aides in the National Security Council had issued strict instructions that the information be witheld from the

asked that they not share the briefing, and they honoured the request," he said.

Mr Clinton has consistently cast himself as an aggrieved party in the scandal but the FBI said no restrictions were set on the "dissemination up the chain of command" and implied that everyone at the National Security Council was aware of the warning.

The White House repeatedly asserted yesterday that the FBI had made an error in its statement. merely compounding a widening division between the President and his Justice Department amid increasing Republican calls for an independent prosecutor to investigate the various strands of the inquiry. At issue is whether hundreds of coffee mornings at the White House, the use of the Lincoln Bedroom, rides on Air Force One and other fundraising gambits employed by the Clintons violated election laws about soliciting funds

on federal property.

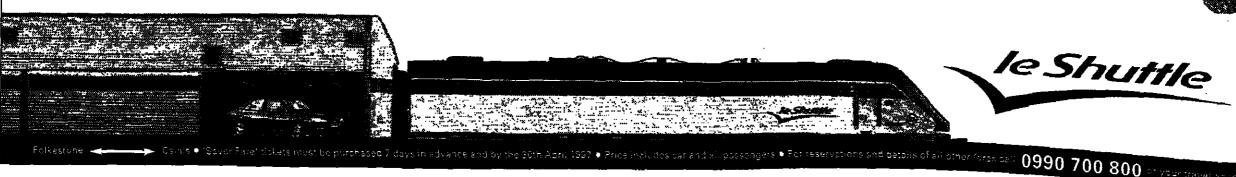
The FBI spat with the White House has helped to raise further questions about Beijing's influence. And it immediately complicated yesterday's congressional hearingsinto the confirmation of Anthony Lake as CIA Director.

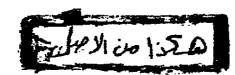
During six days of hearings Republicans on the Senate intelligence committee have promised a detailed examination of whether he had any role in the flow of Asian contributions to the Clinton-Gore campaign at a time when he was National Security Adviser.



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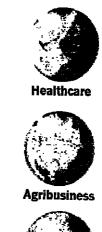
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Mobs plunder at will as south Albania slips into lawless twilight

Primary school pupils have joined the southern Albanian town's students in abandoning studies for guns and grenades, swelling the ranks of the gun-toting mob controlling the region.

The university principal, Viktor Terpo, wanders through the edge of the campus with an expression of baffled disappointment creasing the lines of his face. A couple of grenades explode behind him. thrown by his former charges, and he jumps with surprise. Other students are looting a lorry, breaking from their task to try to machinegun a passing pigiet, hoot-ing and jeering as the little animal disappears in a cloud of dust.



Anthony Loyd sees a Sarande hotel go up in flames as the rebels' euphoria over their "victory" vanishes and the revolution turns in on itself

"There is no authority here at all. My country is ruining itself. I no longer know if it is safe to stay. I want to wait for any students to come back, but as you see it might be a long wait." The principal's words were understated. Southern Albania is slipping into a lawless twilight of anarchy and destruction as newly armed rebel gangs turn from politics to plunder. The authoritarian structure to deal with Tirana or the gangs, there seems no hope of a political solution to the crisis. The insurgents' brief euphoria at "victory" has all but evaporated, and their revolution has already begun to turn on itself: the honeymoon is most definitely over.

Improvised committees appear hopelessly unable to quell the rising level of crime or to find a

Berisha in Tirana. The commanders of Sarande and Gjirokaster met yesterday to try to find a common policy on civil, military and political matters. The scene at the town hall in Giirokaster where they met would have made a good farce, but for the gravity of the situation. General Agim Gozhita, committee commander of Gjirokaster, locked himself out of his office and, having failed to force the door, fell into a fury and had to be restrained from striking a deputy. Colonel Kocin of Sarande walked off in disgust, only to be coaxed back, looking unsettled, by a pair of gunmen. The man with most authority seemed to be the petrol-pump attendant who had aquired three tanks and an

parked, complete with crews, on It is gun law in a land with no other currency. Banks are closed or looted; phone lines cut; radio

and television jammed; electricity and water supplies failing; the lights are truly going out in "I don't know much longer we can carry on working," said Aleks

Ristic deputy director of Gjirokaster's hospital. Our medical stocks are seriously low, and we are desperately short of oxygen. serum and stitching equipment. Electricity is sporadic and today we are without running water. Until three days ago we had no gunshot casualties; in the past two days we had 25, victims of stray

the place is going to the dogs."

Gypsy children hold the Albanian border post with Greece at

Kakavia. They scurried about in the dust wearing police caps, playing darts with customs forms. The army and police fled two days ago. The children are sometimes joined by masked gunmen who yesterday shot an Albanian man for no apparent reason. Down the road a teenager's stolen car runs out of fuel. He has had a gun for two days and wants to put it to use, so he stands in the road and holds up the next car to come, empties it of fuel, and leaves.

Elsewhere the atmosphere of impending disaster is heavier. As I write, Sarande's largest hotel is disappearing in smoke and flames

automatic fire into the sky, whooping with delight while scores of civilians scurry in and out of the state-owned building, choking with the smoke, to loot whatever

they can.
The gangsters and criminals are taking over," says Professor Ilirian Alikaj, wringing his hands. He is a member of the Sarande committee charged with trying to maintain civil order in the port. He is not exactly sure how many other people are on the committee, who they are, or what its policy is.

"This is the worst thing we feared," he says as another sheet of flame erupts from the hotel foyer. "The total breakdown of law, and the rule of the mobsters. This is

Berisha loyalists raise spectre of North-South war

FROM TOM WALKER IN TIRANA

RESIDENTS in the home town of President Berisha yesterday broke into two local military stores and swore to defend the President, the first sign that fighting could break out across Albania's North-South divide.

With unrest and anarchy again spreading in the South. several foreign embassies, including Britain's, advised their citizens to leave the country. Italian diplomatic sources suggest that Tirana itself could be on the verge of

Hotels in the capital began demanding immediate pay-ment for rooms, and Lufthansa said it would give "all necessary help" to foreigners wishing to leave.

Tropoje, the birthplace of the President, is in the remote mountainous terrain bordering Kosovo in northeast Albania. Contacted by telephone. residents said they had broken into the weapons store at the nearby town of Bajram Curri and taken weapons. "There are 9,000 of us and we are ready to come to the side of our President," one leader said.

The telephone operator confirmed that there had also been an explosion at Bajram Curri, with one person injured. Elsewhere there were reports that lorries had been

attempting to take arms stolen from near the southern coastal town of Fier to the North. Last night President Berisha appointed Bashkim Fino, a former Mayor of Gjirokaster and a member of the main opposition Socialist Party, as Prime Minister. He replaces

Aleksandr Meksi, a member of the ruling Democratic Party, who resigned last month. Genc Pollo, a presidential adviser, said Mr Berisha would step down if the Socialist Party won an election, but party sources said the offer had failed to unblock the talks.

that paramilitary groups loyal to the President are being recruited and armed in the Yesterday Albania experienced a new rash of spontane-

Security sources suspect

ous rebellions, usually involving the looting of arms <u>Omeles SERBIA</u> BULGARIA



depots. The most serious was the third largest city Fibasan. 35 miles southeast of

Tirana. Albania's rebellion is fudishes as economic hardship. "If we see on the television that people are taking guns, then what the heck, why don't we?" said a retired doctor in the northern town of Shkoder.

The day's events were coloured by the usual mixture of the bizarre and the lunatic. A 26-year-old former Brindisi waiter named "Adriatik" announced that he was in charge of Albania's most important military airfield at Kucove. where 19 Chinese-built MiGs and their pilots are now in rebel hands.

"We are not bandits, we are the people," said the portly commander, bedecked with twin bandoliers, two Kalashnikovs and a blue and white bobble hat. Pilots at the base said they had been ordered to fire at the insurgents but had decided to side with them instead.

Outside Kuçove's smashed gates, foreign journalists were treated to the usual swashbuckling display of firepower, with hooligans emptying magazines of ammunition into any surviving street lights. A straggle of looters, their don-

A gunman guards MiG fighters captured at the Albanian Air Force base at Kucove yesterday. A former waiter claimed to be in charge of the base

keys laden with runway lights and other transportable military paraphernalia, lined the nearby road to Fier.

Few men in the area are without a gun of some description, and security sources in Tirana fear that Sunday night's raid on the arms factory at Polican near Berat may have yielded 40,000

ern "front line" is now easily achieved in half a day's drive from Tirana, where the continued political wranglings between the President and his Socialist opponents continue in the face of widespread

Rebel-held territory at present peters out somewhere between Kucove and Lushnie amid the coastal plains south of the capital. Lushnje, scene in negotiations on an Italian of some of the first pyramid riots, was tense yesterday, with the Shik secret police in particularly nasty form at roadblocks. They were seen dragging drivers by their hair vehicles and cocking

guns in their faces. Adding to the political confusion, the so-called rebel leaders from Vlore, who took part

warship on Monday, denied they had reached any agreement. The one woman in the delegation, Luiza Hoxha, also ended speculation that she is the daughter of Enver Hoxha, the former dictator.

The rebel leaders insisted that, like their colleagues elsewhere, they would not relinquish their arms until the President and his Government had resigned. Perikli Teta, the former Defence Minister and Democratic Alliance member, admitted the Vlore talks had been flawed: "We political parties are making blah-blah, but we are not representative. The place for pegotiations is here in Tirana, not on the sea

Italy brokers deal with Vlore rebel leaders

FROM RICHARD OWEN

ITALY yesterday claimed a diplomatic breakthrough after brokering an agreement by rebel leaders in the port of Vlore under which they would ask armed residents to hand in their weapons and begin to restore normal administra-

Foreign Minister, made a sweeping Mr Berisha from that Viore rebel leaders had lightening visit to Tirana to inform President Berisha of the deal, hammered out on an Italian warship in the Adriatic. But the agreement appeared confined to Viore — the focus of illegal immigration and drug smuggling to Italy and most rebels in the South appeared determined to com-

Lamberto Dini, the Italian plete their revolution by Tirana". The Italians claimed

Signor Dini said: "We are the guarantors of peace. We have worked hard with the EU and the international community to find a way out of this crisis. We hope we have made a start towards reconciliation by helping to achieve a national unity government in

agreed to "put an end to the uprising" in return for imple-mentation of the compromise. proposed by Mr Berisha at the weekend, involving an amnesty for the rebels, a broad coalition between Mr Berisha's Democratic Party and the Opposition, and elections

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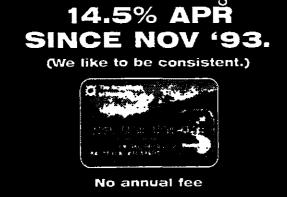
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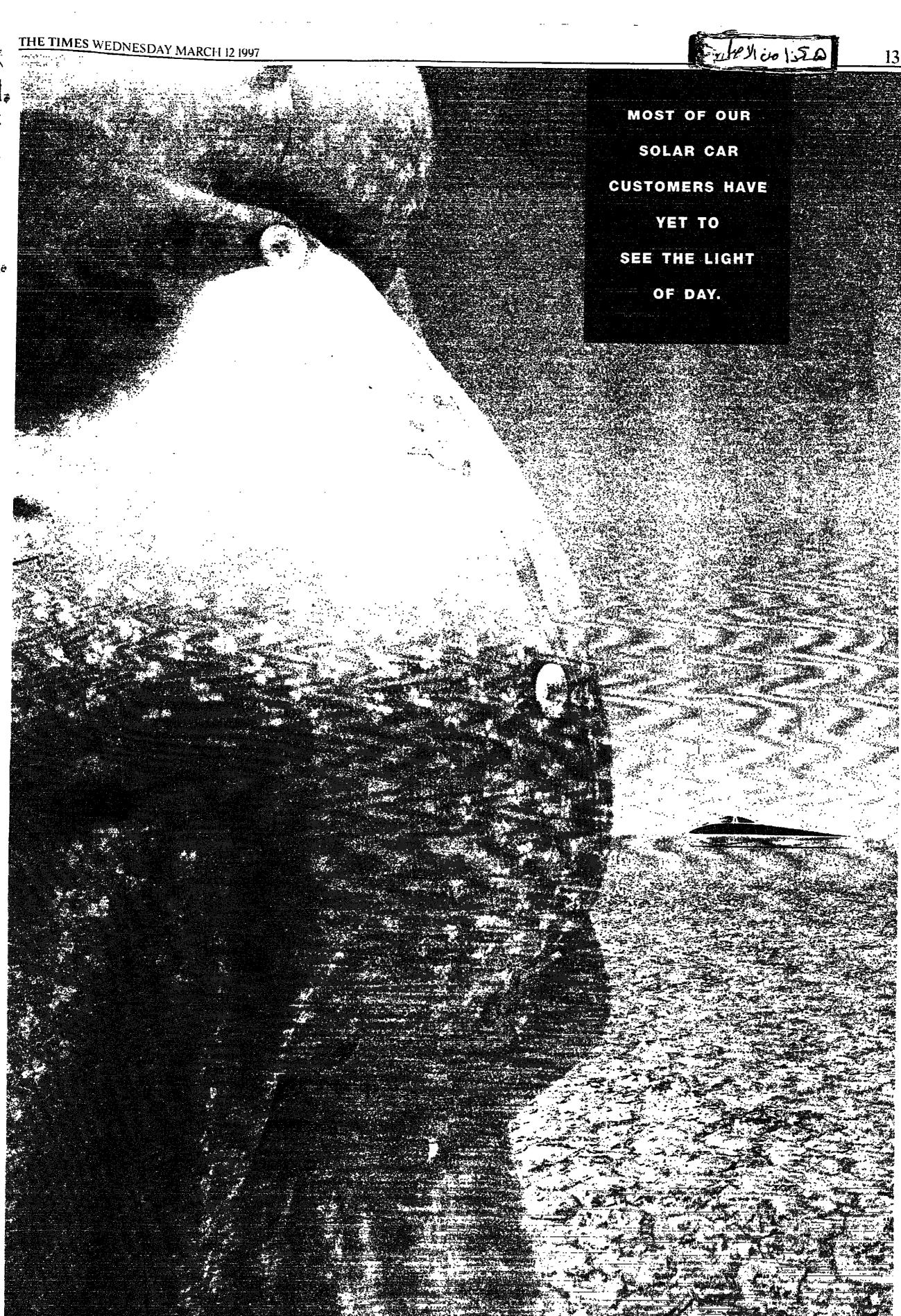
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Nato's eastward expansion could cost British taxpayers £2 billion

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO enlargement could cost British taxpayers more than £2 billion in the next 13 years, according to a new assessment based on American Defence Department figures released last month.

The estimate of Britain's contribution, published yesterday by a research organisation, the British American Security Information Council is based on the country's

present share of the existing Nato budget. If Britain's share is as high as £2 billion, or about £200 million a year for 13 years, it would be more than the Pentagon's estimate of American costs. However, Nato officials said the final share of costs to be met by each member of the alliance and new member states had yet to be worked out.

In a document published at the end of last month, the Pentagon estimated that the cost of Nato enlargement would be between

\$27 billion and \$35 billion (£18 billion to £23 billion) from 1997 to 2009. A third of this would be met by the new members — which are likely to be Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary - and the Pentagon said the American contribution would be a net commitment of between \$1.5 billion and \$2 billion over 13 years, the equivalent of between £100 million to £133

million a year. The full costs to the alliance will be revealed to Nato's North Atlantic Council in May, after a detailed study by Nato officials. Apart from the contribution towards expanding Nato membership, there will be an additional "civilian" bill for expanding Nato's headquarters outside Brussels. The plan is to double the staff from 3,000 to 6,000, construct buildings to house the new members' representatives, and to provide more office space for the 27 members of the Partnership for Peace programme. Herbert van Foreest, the assistant secretary-general in charge of Russian Foreign Minister, also resources, who is drawing up a produced his own estimate for blueprint for the enlargement programme, said yesterday that he hoped to have a cost framework that "would not roin Nato". He said that apart from the Pentagon's document, costings studies had been made available to him from Britain, Poland, and the Rand Corporation. Poland has told Nato it has put aside £1 billion for its contribution to joining the alliance. Yevgeni Primakov, the

Nato expansion - \$70 billion (£46.6 billion). Mr van Foreest said he did not know how Mr

Primakov had reached this figure. Mr van Foreest has to produce his costings blueprint by May 12. The Nato summit in Madrid, which will formally announce which countries are to be invited to join the alliance, is on July 8 and 9. Nato officials believe the Pentagon's estimate is excessive. Britain

and other European countries hope that some of the costs will be met by savings elsewhere, including pruning the 65 Nato beadquar-

ters down to about 20. One Nato source said it seemed inconceivable that Britain would pay double the American share. According to the Pentagon estimate, the new members would have to pay for their own modernisation and restructuring.

Igor Rodionov, page 18

Yeltsin wields axe to clear ground for new Cabinet

From Robin Lodge in Moscot

PRESIDENT YELTSIN dismissed almost his entire Government yesterday, leaving only Viktor Chernomyrdin. the Prime Minister, and his newly appointed first deputy, Anatoli Chubais, to draw up a new list of ministers for a restructured Cabinet.

The move follows a pledge by Mr Yeltsin last week in his state of the nation address to both houses of parliament to bring new and energetic people into the Government, which he said had failed to meet the needs of the people. A presidential decree called

on Mr Chernomyrdin to submit his candidates for office to the President in one week's time, as well as his recommendations for reorganising or closing down ministries and other government institutions.

which number more than 50.

By keeping Mr Chernomyrdin in office, Mr Yeltsin has circumvented the need for parliamentary approval of his reshuffle. Only the appointment of the Prime Minister requires the endorsement of the Communist-dominated State Duma, which has no say in other ministerial changes.

By giving Mr Chubais direct control over the economy, however, the President has undermined the position of Mr Chernomyrdin, who in recent months has been seen to take a more conciliatory position towards opposition leaders. The fact that Mr Chubais remains his nominal subordinate deprives the Duma of the chance to block his appointment. The influen-

tial Mr Chubais, 41, who before his appointment last Friday as First Deputy Prime Minister for the Economy had been Mr Yeltsin's closest aide since masterminding his reelection campaign last year, is certain to play a main part in drawing up the new adminis-

A dedicated market reformer, whose radical privatisation policies in the early 1990s outraged Communist opponents and a large, disaffected sector of the population. Mr Chubais is expected to choose a team much more closely in

tune with his ideas. There have been reports that Mr Chubais's erstwhile boss. Yegor Gaidar, former acting Prime Minister and leader of the Russia's Choice reformist movement, will be asked to join the Government. Mr Gaidar said last Sunday that he had received no such



Chernomyrdin: given a week to name team

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invitation and implied that he would not accept.

Another prominent liberal Grigori Yavlinsky, leader of the Yabloko faction in the Duma, said five members of his group had been offered government posts but had turned them down.

All ministers have been told to keep working until the new appointments are announced, and it appears likely that several will be reappointed. Anatoli Kulikov, the hardline Interior Minister, who was promoted recently to Deputy Prime Minister with special responsibility for fighting organised crime, is considered

The same applies to Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, who is instituting long overdue military reforms. Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister who has headed Russia's campaign of opposition to Nato expansion, appears confident of remaining in

The biggest changes can be expected in the economic ministries. The most obvious head to roll is that of Aleksandr Livshits, the Finance Minister. who is regarded as ineffectual. Commentators predicted the survival of Yevgeni Yasin, the Economics Minister

Only one presidential appointment was announced yesterday, that of Valentin Yumashev, a Yeltsin aide, who has taken over Mr Chubais's duties as Mr Yeltsin's chief of



German coalminers break through a police barricade near the parliament and chancellery in Bonn yesterday

Kohl rebuffs pit 'blackmail'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

RIOT police swinging batons yesterday struggled to head off angry German coalminers as they broke through cordons and tried to storm the offices of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

"We want to work," chanted the miners as they elbowed their way into the no-go area around the parliament and chancellery. The brawny, tattooed pit workers, many wearing safety helmets to protect them from batons. were eventually thrust back.

More than 20,000 miners, furious at government plans to cut coal subsidies have been laying siege to Bonn since Monday: buses from the Ruhr and the Saar regions are swelling the numbers of demonstrators, and the mood is

turning ugly.

Herr Kohl yesterday refused to hold talks with a miners' delegation led by Hans Berger, the coal union chief, saying he would not negotiate in a "blackmail-like" atmosphere. The talks have been postponed until tomorrow, and Herr Berger under pressure from his members to take a tougher line will try to persuade the miners to lift the blockade of Germany's political capital. He seems unlikely to succeed. Germany's miners have rare-

ly been so militant. In Hamm, a critical rail junction in the Ruhr, 1,000 miners blocked the station. Several town halls in the industrial region were paralysed by sit-ins. The motorway leading to Luxembourg was blocked for the second day in succession.

The mood in the Saar is explosive and could be hard to control," said a spokeswoman for the workers' council at Saar Mines, "I cannot rule out violent protests." Eighteen pits

standstill since the weekend. But the main thrust of the protest was in Bonn. Miners on expensive motorcycles revved their engines through-

out the day outside ministries. while other colliery workers banged drums and gongs to disrupt the sleepy town. The miners have sensed that they are spokesmen for all the workers who have been suffer-

ing from tough public spending cuts and mass redundancies. Building workers were also on the march yesterday in Berlin; the record unemployment registered over the past few months has



Kohl: refused to meet

nationwide have been at a hit the construction sector in particular. In part, the pit closure

programme is the result of the drive to meet the public-sector deficit targets of economic and monetary union. But the Government emphasises that reform of the coal subsidy scheme was long overdue.

Günter Rexrodt, the Economics Minister, says that because of the swollen coal subsidies each mining job now costs the Government £50,000 from drastic reductions over the next few years," he said. More than 50,000 redundancies -- out of a total mining workforce of 90,000 - are scheduled over the next seven years. The miners say that more than jobs are at stake; whole communities would die out and about 70,000 other people would also become

unemployed. No government politician dared yesterday to address the miners directly. Most of the pit workers had slept in the corridors of the Social Democratic headquarters. Some had smashed their way into the offices of the Free Democrats, the miners. As the junior

seen as the main villains by partners of Herr Kohl, the party has always lobbied for an end to coal subsidies.

German budgetary cuts sap army's morale and supplies

By Roger Boyes

BONN'S financial squeeze is undermining the morale of the German Army, which is having to use fireworks instead of munitions, according to a report issued yesterday by the Government's military ombudswoman.

The report paints a grim picture: army vehicles are being cannibalised, signallers are being trained on radios that are more than 35 years old, non-commissioned officers have been stealing weapons from other units.

"On every visit to military bases — and I have been making two a week over the past year - there have been complaints about deficiencies and missing equipment," said Claire Marienfeld, who moni-

tors the morale of the army. Some companies had to share three compasses and two sets of binoculars; there was a chronic shortage of gas masks; and more than half of the vehicles she examined

were out of order. Frau Marienfeld said the German Army was becoming a two-class force, with resources being funnelled into those units groomed for over-seas missions while the bulk of the military at home was being neglected. "The army needs more money, and of course this is leading to a loss in motivation," she told reporters shortly after presenting her report to parliament.

One side effect of the financial malaise is an increase in bullying. Her report says one soldier was told to kneel and

blanks fired at his neck by a sergeant. On another occasion four masked soldiers whipped a colleague with knotted towels, beat him in the face and scorched his scalp with a burning spray can. The tone of training routines has also become harsher. One drill instructor trained his unit to answer the question "What makes grass grow?" with the shouted re-

sponse: "Blood, blood, blood," Frau Marienfeld said that on the one hand the German Army was being required for the first time in its postwar history to fight abroad, while on the other it had to bear the brunt of radical spending cuts to ease Germany's way towards European economic and monetary union.

Paris and **Bonn set** out EU defence

> policy FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

FRANCE and Germany yesterday set out plans to commit the European Union to establishing a common defence system, forcing the pace of negotiations on a revamped Maastricht treaty and ensuring a collision with Britain over the EU's security

arrangements. The two Governments took the Dutch presidency of the EU by surprise at the intergovernmental conference (IGC), the treaty negotiation. by tabling a detailed text that, among other things, would firmly commit the Union to absorbing the Western Euro-pean Union (WEU), the security organisation that groups European members of the Nato alliance.

Britain is strongly opposed to putting the WEU under the EU's control, although this has been a long-standing aim of Paris. Bonn and other continental states Malanlan continental states. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secre-tary, said on Monday: The EU is not a collective defence and security arrangement and it would be dangerous if it became so."

The Franco-German blueprint on defence, which would also commit the EU to establishing a common armament

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Bonn: The Frankfurter Allemēine Zeitung, the newspaper closest to Helmut the Chancellor. yesterday urged his Government to exploit a Maastricht treaty legal ambiguity economic and union (Roger Boyes writes). The editorial came as the Kiel Institute of World Economics forecast the country would not meet Maastricht set public spending targets.

policy, is part of a plan for bulstering the Union's foreign and security machinery in the revised Maastricht treaty. The plan accepts the consensus that the national veto must be retained for initiating common actions abroad, but it provides for governments to abstain from taking part.

Decisions on implementing agreed policy could be taken by majority voting. Britain objects to any extension of majority voting, although it accepts in principle the idea of

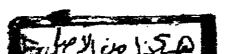
constructive abstention". The Franco-German text also calls on the EU to appoint a foreign policy chief who would report directly to the EU's summit council. Most other states are happy with a plan to keep the job at a lower level in the shape of the secretary-general of the Coun-cil of Ministers, the EU's lawmaking body. The Commission is fiercely resisting the French-inspired plan for a EU foreign policy chief, who would rival its own President as the Union's face abroad.



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Stop all this class politics

o issue punctures the smooth civility of a middle-class dinner party more than educa-tion. The Working Mother (iniquities or victimisation of) you'd have thought would be more inflammatory. but for the most part either self-hugging smugness or defensive bullishness ensure that the real debate is carried on between couples by themselves in the car on the

To be sure, they will utter platitudes, but few of the guests will risk speaking their mind over the dinner table. Besides, however much the subject might seem to divide opinion, there is, lurking under-neath it, one great unifier: the Nanny Factor. In the rush to compare stories, moan, do all the things that middle-class parents do together, petry differences of

mere ideology are quickly forgotten.

But say that you want your child to go to the local state primary, and it splits the table immediately. The argument that automatically ensues is such an English one somehow: this is the characteristically implicit who-do-you-think-you-are? line of

Those whose children go to a fee-paying school presume that if you don't want to join them it must be because you are so keen on being right-on, and that - it follows - you are full of warm selfcongratulations for being a wonderful, nice, good person. In other words, a sanctimonious, smug and downright irksome bien-pensant.

It would be dishonest to pretend I didn't share some of those suspicions and some of that irritation - or at least some of the time. There are plenty of people who do want, boringly and self-deludingly, to demonstrate their bona fides all the time, and to as big and as dissenting an audience as possible — which is why a dinner party full of anxiously ambitious middle-class professionals is such fertile ground for them.

I am always tempted to say that I couldn't give a damn about the ideology, I just want to be able to spend money on designer clothes for myself, rather than school fees for the children. That's not quite true, but it would be a great way of shutting them up.

I don't know that my wish for my children to go the local primary is what I'd call ideologically motivated, though. I believe that there should be a good state system of education, and I don't see how

we - as parents, rather than teachers or legislators — can help to bring this about, if all of us — the ghastly, pushy, anxious and achievement-obsessed middle classes - are sending our children elsewhere.

I'm not saying that academic excellence is the province solely of the professional classes; that would be nonsense. But I hate the idea that we now have a two-tier education system, and really don't want to be responsible for its divisive survival. But naturally, if it's a question of doing my best by my child, or my best by the state, there's no choice. Or

rather, if I could afford it, there would be the choice. That's the point.
I hope I wouldn't then

bang on about how bad I felt: there are a great many people out there who wish they had the money to experience that middleclass dilemma and liberal angst for themselves.

And it's not just that the vocal, educationally eager contingent are, in some number, absent from state schools, but that while they are paying so much money to get their children the education they want for them, they have a vested interest in the inferiority of free" education. It sounds shocking put that way, but it's true.

When people say to me, as they often do, and in the most impertinently disapproving tones, that they hope I wouldn't put my politics before my child, I am infuriated. Of course I wouldn't But more: why should it be put like that? I don't want to send my children to state school because I think it would be good for them to receive a second-class education. I want to send them there to receive a good

· If such an education looks possible, then somehow it infuriates people more. When, in defence of my rather wobbly position, if position it is, I say that we live near a very good primary, then it makes people crosser. As if that means I'm speaking from a unfair advantage.

But I do see that if you were spending £700 or £1,000 a term, or what ever it is, to get the best for your child (and I don't disagree with your right, or mine, to do so), then the worse the state schools are, by comparison, the better you'll think your money spent. And maybe you would mind someone else's child's getting just as good an education for free. It would seem

so unfair, somehow. And it's only natural that one would start thinking like that, for I presume the financial struggle to cover the costs of a private education must be huge and burdensome. Perhaps it is selfish not to want to join the frontline on that one, but I don't. It's not as I ironically suggested that I just want clothes and expensive holidays

instead. But I don't want to have to work all the time, never seeing the children, to scrape together the school fees. I would resent that tremendously, on my be-half as well as theirs, and only hope it won't be necessary. (And I sometimes wonder whether it follows, too, that parents who make huge sacrifices to stump up the school fees can't help but put so much pressure on their children to achieve,

The disparity between standards in fee-paying and state schools is not an absolute, i recognise. A good state school can be very much better than a good independent school.

(And anyway, it is at secondary level rather than primary that the difficulties are most pronounced.) But if you live in London, or any of the inner cities, the situation is certainly polarised.

Nigella Lawson

My daughter goes to a state nursery (though put like that it does rather sound like a Soviet compound) and I'm pleased. Had there not been a good nursery school near by, or had she not got a place, i would have sent her to a private one. And, indeed, she used to do a couple of afternoons a week at a local Montessori at £13 a session.

What I'll do in two years' time when she is primary school age, or in four and half years, when my son is five, I don't know. But I hope I'll be able to give them what every child deserves: a good education, and not at my expense or, indeed, at the expense of less privileged children.

Tomorrow: Choosing a prep school



Francis Cade on his way to St Mary's — it is up-and-coming, but not elitist, his father says

The battle of the **Saints**

THE CADES and the Mathews live close to each other in Putney, southwest London. Between their houses there are three primary schools: Hotham, St Mary's and All Saints. In the past year both families set out to choose a primary school for their children. Hotham was ruled out as being too big and too rough, which left the two church schools.

"Francis was going to school aged only just four, so we were especially worried about his security," says Andy Cade. "All Saints had a very impressive reputation, but had lost its defining head teacher. St Mary's was the up and coming school, with a dynamic head, and we felt it was less high-powered and

St Mary's was also slightly nearer, which meant it was where more of the Cades's close neighbours sent their children, most of whom testified to its good reputation. When they visited the school they found that there was a whole range of parent support activities. "We wanted to be part of the community and St Mary's gave us that opportunity," says Mr Cade.

THE Mathews also visited the two favoured schools. Phillie Mathews says: "Many of our neighbours had sent their children to All Saints: we had also heard that many of the children went from there into the private system, which was an option we wanted to keep open. All Saints was our nearest school; at the mothers and toddlers groups we heard only positive stories and when we went round we noticed what a happy school it was."

When choosing a primary school, useful guidelines are talk to parents with children attending; look at the schools the children go to next; visit the school; any gut-feeling about the head teacher should be checked out; go to a parents' event (jumble sale, Christmas bazaar, concert).

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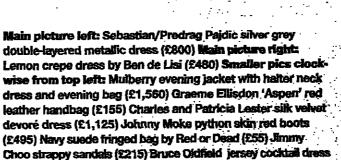












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Spring madness and a floaty frock horror



l BOUGHT a disaster last week. The curious thing is, l knew it was a disaster as soon as I clapped eyes on it. And yet I went through the whole process of trying it on, discussing it with the sales girl, and writing a cheque for a thoroughly alarming sum of money as though hypnotised by the weetched generated.

by the wretched garment. Now every time I open the cupboard door I am reminded of all the useful, elegant, beautiful things I could have

spent the money on.

The awful thing is, this is not the first time that it has happened. There is a kind of Bluebeard's chamber of sartorial misalliances hanging in the closet. Like a love affair gone horribly wrong, these are things that should have been perfect, but instead turned out like Dorian Gray's portrait perfection's mirror image.

Like all great tragedies, the origin of the problem lies in a couple of fatal character flaws: I can't resist a bargain, and I can't resist a lovely material. This, in the past, has lead to some dire mismatches, like that teasing pair, the Cream Jueger and the Navy Conran. Both excellent frocks in their way, one in buttermilk linen with gauze collar and cuffs; the other in inky gabardine with gold knot buttons and a swishy lish tail. Exquisitely made. Amazing value. And vastly too big. The Jaeger turned me into a hospital matron of explosive unsexiness, while the Conran was so much too long in the back that the effect was couture Quasimodo.

Then there was the pearly crepe blouse with the angel's wing collar that, whichever way you wore it, revealed a sluttish tranche of shoulder strap, not to mention the pale pink kid swagger coat which, once on, resembled nothing so much as a full-body Elastoplast. Enough there, you might have thought, for a girl to have learnt her lesson. So why do I

keep on doing it? Well, look here, I can explain everything. The day was fine — the first day of spring, in fact. A lunchtime stroll had somehow transformed itself into a briskly successful shopping expedi-tion. In five minutes flat I had bought all sorts of sensible garments, highly suitable for a busy working mother. As I trotted back to the office with my worthy, if unexciting pur-chases, an ill wind blew me into a little boutique at the back of which hung the kind of garment in which the Emgarment in which the Empress Josephine might have welcomed Napoleon home from a particularly strenuous campaign. Empire line, it was, in cream silk with a trellis of tiny blue and pink flowers and a vertiginous décolletage. "Oooh." I said to the sales girl. "Isn't it ravishing. Much too young for me, though." A long silence. "Well," I said, "per-

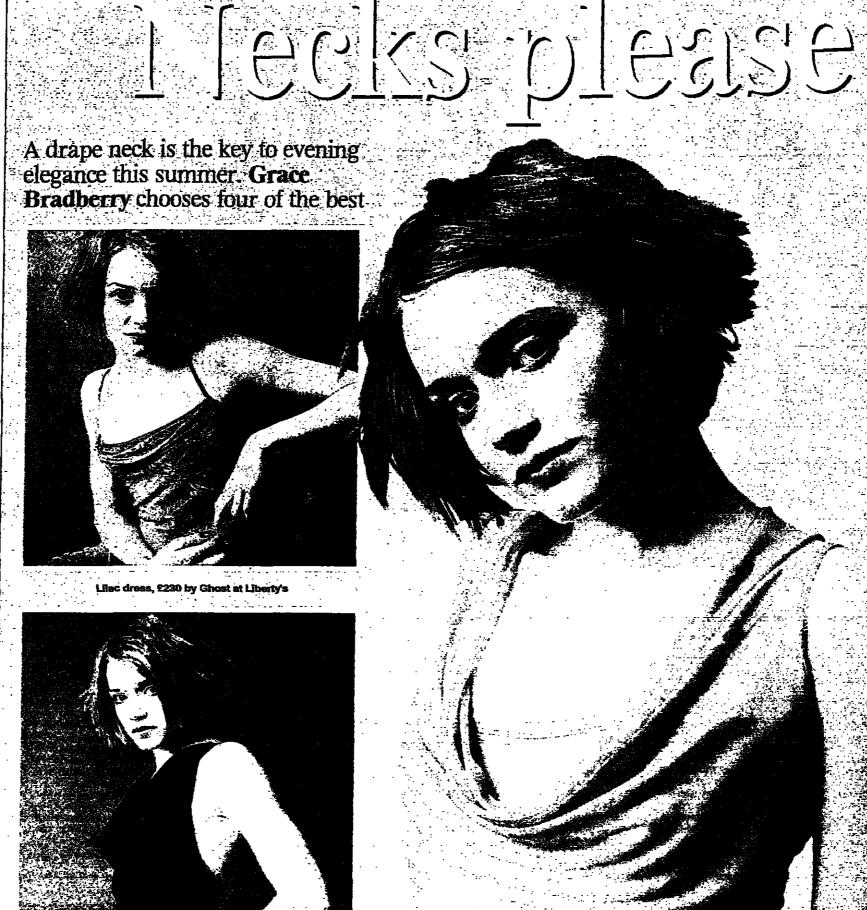
FIVE minutes later, she appeared at the cubicle curtain.

"How are you getting on," she said, brightly. We gazed at my reflection in the glass. "Per-haps," she said, eventually, "if you wore it with cream knickers. instead of black. And a foundation garment . . . " And, I mentally added, a Wonderbra with a couple of pairs of socks in each cup, or perhaps a Paula Yates-style enhancement to my front. Or better still, what if I just got out of this dress altogether and in-vited Gwyneth Paltrow to

haps I could just try it on."

occupy it on my behalf ...
"Mmm," I said, and I looked at that floaty silk with its adorable little pattern. And the spring sunshine and the fact that I am thirtysomething and another birthday looming and when was the last time I wore anything pretty all came over me. "I'll take it." I said.

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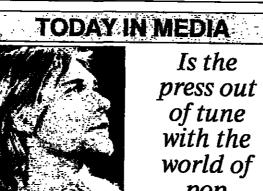
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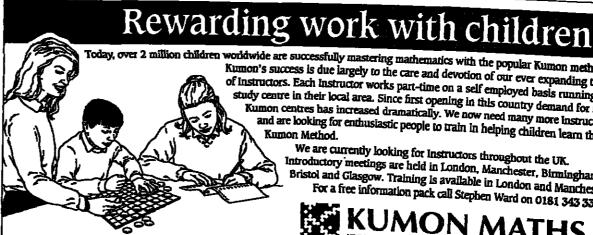


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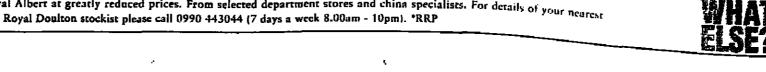
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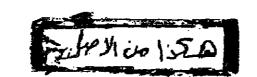
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The children nobody wants — India's doomed baby girls and the slum victims of Brazil



A firstborn girl from the village of Usilampatti. Among the rural poor of Madurai district, second daughters are unlikely to be allowed to live

The baby killers

t feels as if you've been turned inside out You've just given birth and finally you feel emptied. You're exhausted. Your breasts are painfully full of milk. And then you look at your baby. And you see that she's a little girl. And you know that you have to kill

Vaira Mani drops her head in sadness as she recounts the death of a neighbour's newborn baby. It is as if the child had been hers, for she speaks with a conviction that seems to come from personal experience. She knows that I know, and this, unacknowledged and unspoken, creates a special

bond between us. We are in the village of Usilampatti, about 40 miles west of the holy city of of Tamil Usilampatti has gained notoriety as the centre of the socalled "killing fields of Madurai", one of many regions where the ancient cusrom of female infanticide is

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Celia de Lamo reports from a village in India where newborn girls are killed to stop them being a financial burden on their families

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wealth to provide for their

children. The middle classes,

likewise, can afford access to

modern technology to estab-

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if one is wanted. But among

the poor, especially in back-

ward rural areas of states such

as Tamil Nadu and Bihar,

female infanticide is still

The practice is excused and

Girls are seen as nothing more

than a drain on a family's

resources. The first daughter

is allowed to live because soon

she will assume household

chores. But the chance of life

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commonplace.

girls a year in India are killed by their mothers or by village midwives called dayans.

Usilampatti is a place of great beauty. It is surrounded by paddy fields, dotted with tall, elegant palm trees and framed by distant blue mountains. Only the earth, rich and blood-coloured, suggests the deadly annual harvest. For it is here that the children are

I arrived in the village early one morning. Children were getting ready for school and their mothers were busy with household chores. We were Most of the men were out at

I met Vaira later that morning when I ventured into the paddy fields. That afternoon, after a simple lunch of rice and lentils, we talked and became friends. Vaira is 35, one of seven daughters born to agri-

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for a second or third female child diminishes drastically.

A woman's life is dominated by rituals which involve the more than 16 million baby cultural labourers, and the distribution of money and gifts. A family's honour rests **ADVERTISEMENT** on its ability to conduct ceremonies appropriately, includ-Why Does Your ing, of course, the dowry and wedding. In Tamil Nadu, a prospective groom with a secure government job commands a dowry of up to 25,000 Rupees (£500) and 100 grams of gold, as well as household

> without them there would be no marriage at all. Holding my arm tight and with tears in her eyes, Vaira told me of the different ways in which girl children are murdered in the village. Some babies are buried alive or interred in pots where it takes up to two hours for them to suffocate. Others have their mouths stuffed with wet cloths

goods and, perhaps, a vehicle.

These gifts do not guarantee a successful marriage - but

mother of two children; a boy or are slammed against walls. aged 12 and a girl aged six. Or an infant may be fed the Female infanticide in India poisonous sap of a local plant does not affect the upper which destroys the internal

> and internal haemorrhaging. But perhaps the most horrific method is "dry drowning", whereby the open mouth of a baby girl, searching for her mother's nipple, receives instead a handful of grain which chokes the child to death.

organs, causing convulsions

Recent government pro grammes to safeguard baby girls in Tamil Nadu have failed. Cradles where unwanted children could be deposited were installed in public snaces, and the authorities said that rescued children would be placed in orphanages. But this was not enough to change the attitudes of village women, who said they would rather kill a female child than create an orphan with no caste and identity. who they feared could one day dishonour the family or return

This custom, created and perpetuated by men for their own benefit and supremacy, makes their wives and mothers killers.

to seek vengeance.

According to the United Nations, there are an average of 105 women to every 100 men in most countries of the world. But this pattern, tellingly, does not hold in four countries where female infanticide is still practised: India. where there are 93 women to every 100 men. Bangladesh and Afghanistan, where the ratio is 94 to 100, and China, where there are only 88 women to

every 100 men. I left the village of Usilampatti, and later India. heavy in the knowledge that

only profound and fundamen-tal change can bring life to girl babies. Until then, future female generations will continue to be decimated as a tragic consequence of ignorance, poverty and repressive

At the end of our talk, Vaira mimicked the convulsions of a baby girl dying from poison. Her eyes shone with a terrible sadness and acceptance. Perhaps it was a bad memory.

She never told me whether she, too, had been forced to kill one of her own children. But for me it was all too real. It is one death scene that I shall never forget.

'Poverty drives girls to sell their bodies'

have seen the slums of Brazil. They are sad, frightening places: rubbish heaps of life where families nest like rats in shacks of cardboard and plastic, where adolescents brawl with blades and listless toddlers sit and stare. Yet the slums are vibrant places, too. The clash of lives strikes brilliant sparks.

Too few people see the bright flare before it burns out and dies. Street children are killed as casually as vermin in Brazil.

Adriana — now 17 years old — was brought up in a slum in Recife, the ninth in a family of ten children, though only six of them still survive. A slum makes a brutally indifferent step-parent. Adriana herself is blind in one eye and has only quarter-vision in the other

Her mother was always ill. Her father was a

drunkard who spent his wages on the drink which flooded his head with impossible rages. When Adriana was only four he lashed out at her with a knife. The scar which still marks the bridge of her nose gives her a worried look, belying the adoles-cent enthusiasm with which she talks, wagging her finger, plant-ing her hands on her hips, impatiently toss-ing her ringleted hair. She and her friend Monica, with whom she has travelled to England, are excited by everything they see. In the hushed lobby of a Mayfair hotel they move with too much energy to blend in with the other guests, they talk just a bit too loudly. A party of Japanese. selted neatly into Burfurtive glances as they pose for snapshots.

"I ran away from

Adriana (right) and her friend Monica

home when I was six." Adriana says. "My father beat my mother with a bottle and blood poured out. She was taken away to hospital and didn't come back. Well, you have to do what you can, so I left."

She found work with a fruit stall owner who, though he did not pay her, gave her enough to eat. But then, when she was ten, he began to make sexual advances to her. He assumed it was his right. When Adriana met an older man who promised to take her home and give her everything she wanted, she was quick to accept. "I got in his car and he drove to a motel. He said take your clothes off and I began to cry. So he ripped my clothes off and raped me. The motel owner found me crying in the room. She told me that I should have known what was going to happen, that that was what motels are

Adriana became a child-prostitute. "The

money wasn't good. Girls would fight for the best territories. We thought we were lucky if we were picked up by a foreigner, even though they often wanted us to do far worse things

than the Brazilian men." By the time she was II, Adriana had fallen in with a gang of young thieves. "I became a maloqueira (a "mad-one")," she says. "We would hold people up with guns, we would steal whatever we could sell, we would sell our bodies. You had to be stone hard to survive. We were hunted by death squads. I saw my friends killed, but someone would be dying right in front of me, and all I could do was run off. One of my friends was found with her fingers cut off, her hair torn out and her breasts slashed. It had been done as a warning to us."

Then Adriana got pregnant — she was only

13. She didn't know who the father of the child was. "The most important thing to me is that I know who the mother is," she says. The child changed her life. She had heard before about the work of a Brazilian lawyer. Ana Vasconcelos, who had opened a day centre — the Casa de Passagem - to help the street girls of Recife, There they could learn to read and write, to sew, cook and use computers. They could get medical attention and health advice. Once she had just laughed at the idea. "I didn't believe that anyone would help me. On the streets you are hated, you live the life of a crawling insect." But when she eventually made her way with her child to the house they welcomed her in by name. 'I was amazed. No one had called me by my name for years."

Adriana is now part of the team working at the Casa. She helps other children still out on the streets and writes poetry in her spare time. It is not love poetry — "I never loved a man. I never felt secure with a man" — it is the harsh, untutored poetry of the slums. For Ana Vasconcelos, raising awareness of the plight of these children is of central importance. "Poverty drives these girls to sell their bodies," she says. "People must understand that they had no other option."

I ask Adriana what she most wants for her child. "I want her to have what I never had," she says, "someone to listen to her." It does not seem too much to ask.

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Russians fear a new Cold War

General Igor Rodionov warns

Nato against enlargement

ince the end of the so-called Cold War, excep-tionally favourable conditions have emerged for jointly building a new world order, a new system of security based on three pillars: equality of peoples and states, mutually beneficial co-operation, and good neighbourliness.

However, the making of the new epoch has encountered serious resistance in the form of attempts to preserve at any cost one of the cornerstones of the old epoch — Nato — into the epoch of partnership. Frantic efforts have been undertaken to justify this, though it clearly runs counter to the logic of historical processes. The culmination of these efforts is Nato enlargement, a notion fed on Cold War stereotypes: the preservation of a slightly camouflaged military bloc by absorbing newly inde-pendent states which were recently members of the War-

What is the sense of enrolling new members into Nato and moving its borders to the East? Are the consequences of such an expansion well thought out? Will such a new European watershed near Russia's borders serve the cause of security, and will it become a factor for stability?

We cannot allow the peoples of Eastern Europe to become hostages to a flawed decision presented as a fait accompli. The price might be unacceptably dear. A basis for a general and comprehensive security system could be the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. However, some Nato circles are resisting the strengthening of its role. And the reason is clear, it if were strengthened there would be no need for an enlarged Nato.

Implementing the decision to expand Nato means failing to create a unified security area, and going back to dividing lines across Europe. What-ever intricate political rhetoric is used to justify such an expansion, this will mean a return to the bloc mentality, which means instability and A number of destabilising factors are evident. Here we have, first of all, a further altering of the balance of armaments and forces in favour of Nato. This will undermine the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in

Europe. Secondly, Nato's expansion eastwards would create a situation similar to the Cold War. when moving materials and troops closer to our borders brought them into direct opposition to Russian troops in the Kaliningrad Special Region.

Thirdly, substantial expansion of Nato's operational capabilities, as a result of its acquiring control of airfield networks, would hypothetically allow the bloc's aircraft to reach the Smolensk-Briansk-Kursk and Petrozavodsk-Yaroslavi-Belgorod lines. Tactical nuclear weaponry situated in Europe would thus become a strategic consideration. This means that the strategic arms limitation treaties, as well as further steps towards nuclear disarmament, would be in danger. Fourthly, with the hypothetical entry of the Baltic States into Nato, the bloc would gain strategically advantageous naval bases, while the activities of the Russian Baltic fleet would be substan-

tially impeded. The decision to enlarge Nato testifies to its double standards in its approach to security. Russia's purported threat assessed on the basis of its military potential, yet Russia is supposed to accept at face value the declarations of a peace-loving Nato. This is unacceptable to us.

I believe that Nato can and must adapt to new geopolitical realities, by gradually evolving into an organisation streamlined towards averting and settling crises and con-flicts, and collective peace-making under the mandates of the UN and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. In other words, i can evolve into one of the most important components of a new all-European security

Russia and Nato have accumulated a certain experience of practical co-operation in recent years, as for instance in safeguarding the peace ac-cords on Bosnia and Herzego-vina. A full-scale treaty between Russia and Nato could be supported by a system of accords with other European countries that are not members of the alliance.

tain obstacles on the road to developing that co-operation. None of these is insurmountable, and with enough goodwill they can be removed. But one point causes concern both in Russia and the West: the potential not only for mutual criticism but for mutual mistrust. This constitutes a retreat into the past.

The West recognises that its security is not threatened by Russia. Yet when I met Nato leaders in Bergen, I did not once hear from my opposite numbers a substantiated reply to the vital question of why preserving this military-political bloc and its expansion to the east is strategically necessary. Of course Nato countries are free to do what they wish in their own house, but when their neighbours' security, cannot be easily

History tells us that stability

is achieved by the proper functioning of collective security, rather than bloc security. More than 180 years have passed since the Congress of Vienna, which divided Europe after the Napoleonic wars. One year later, the Holy Alliance united the victorpowers. This, in effect, was the first attempt to create an all-European security system. Alas, this effort proved futile: artificial attempts to limit the role and influence of Russia in Europe doomed this progressive concept. It is common knowledge what that all led to. Is it really true to say that history teaches us nothing except that it teaches us nothing? Surely stability, security and peace in Europe will not once again be sacrificed to

political ambitions? The author is Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation. This is an edited extract from an article in the April edition of Parliamentary



Comet [from the Greek komētēs, long-haired] 1. A star-like nucleus surrounded with a misty light and consisting of gaseous matter. 2. A portent.

The Tories' finest hour

that were the envy of the world. Iron horses thun-dered across continents, bearing Britannia's name to the corners of the globe. Next came the battle fleets of empire. A world made safe for trade was made safe for freedom. The oceans surged to the engine of British industry. But what today? What gilded Parthenon can we show our grandchildren and say with

pride. We did that, and it was good? Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, has the answer. Britain's glory is the massed assets of the private pension funds. They may not stir the spirit. No monarch reviews them in line astern from Spithead to the Nore. They fly no Union Jack, play no anthem, win no cheers on the Wembley terraces or the beaches of Corfu. But to Mr Lilley the private pension funds are the stuff of legend: at £650 billion they are more than the rest of Europe's put together. Britannia is now a Scottish Widow. The White Cliffs of Dover are papered with Prudential bonus chits. In a world that measures wealth in financial services, Britain's genius is again preeminent. Our descendants will hear tell of the Nineties with tears in their eyes and say. "Those men were giants. They vetoed the euro, cloned a sheep and built the greatest private

pension funds on earth." The Tory Government is now on its final hallucinogenic trip. Each day a minister is found dribbling some new "policy" leaked from the forthcoming manifesto. The tactic is a mystery. The leak (if such it is) is duly trashed by the Opposition and undermined by another minister in a media gaffe. The strategy is more mysterious still. John Major and Kenneth Clarke plead that the economy is fine and Britain "feels good". This message is drowned by retching from Michael Howard and Gillian Shephard. Their Tory Britain is not Mr Clarke's. It is a nasty, sinful, uneducated place whose inhabitants are fit only for prisons, pillories and the swish of the birch. This "feel-bad" faction is given all the best sound-bites. It is apparently beyond John Major's discipline. Onto this slippery stage Mr Lilley

stepped last week for his minute's limelight. He quietly announced the conquest of a political Everest. Not only were Britain's privately funded pensions the wonder of the world, but he wanted to make them even bigger and better. He wanted to privatise the basic state pension and wind up its

Only Britain is saving for its old age — so

we must stay aloof from fiscal union

costly earnings-related sister, known as Serps. This would be the biggest act of privatisation in modern history, offloading onto the private capital market what could one day be a quarter of all public spending.

All developed countries view pensions with horror. Ever since the early 1980s, when Norman Fowler reviewed the subject for Margaret Thatcher (and was ignored), politicians and pundits have sensed a demographic timebomb" under the pensions bill. Some bold individuals, such as Fowler's successor, John Moore, and Labour's Frank Field, have plunged into the darkness

and recoiled aghast. Their story was the same. There would soon be too many old people demandsion for the eversmaller working population to support. State pensions

were a soaring debt on which repayment was getting ever closer. Taxes or borrowing would have to rise beyond what was tolerable. unless the debt was "funded" and invested from the contributions of working people - in other words privatised. But somehow the "explosion" was always in the future. Besides, the subject was cripplingly

dull. Nobody cared. Except in Britain. Perhaps British policymakers are less vulnerable to democratic pressure. Perhaps the Tories, so long in office, have grown more sensitive to the long term. Either way, ministers have systematically bribed pensions contributors to contract out of Serps and go private. They showered contributors with rebates and tax reliefs, while restricting the benefits of the state system. The private pensions sector, from Maxwell to the contracting-out advice scam, was lightly regulated. Everything short of privatisation was done to get potential Serps claimants off the books.

The policy has been successful. As Europe's pensions debt soared, Britains stayed in control. Three-quarters of Britons opted out of Serps into private schemes. Building a pension has overtaken building a home as the obsession of the saving classes. While workers in France. Germany and Italy left their pensions in the hands of their governments and future taxpayers. Britons have done the opposite. The result has been astonishing. Britain's private pension assets have risen to an astronomical £650 billion. more than the rest of Europe's pur together. In contrast, Germany's assets stand at £175 billion. France's at £33 billion and Italy's at just £5

billion, says the OECD. The resulting difference in actua-rial debt is equally dramatic. Accord-

ing to the International Monetary Fund, Germany's pensions debt is roughly 120 per cent of its gross domestic product. Italy's is cent. The IMF calculates that at the end of the decade

these nations will face a gap between pensions contributions and payments of more than 3 per cent of GDP. This gap must be bridged. As Gabriel Stein points out in a Politeia pamphlet published this month, both the size of the debt and the extra borrowing to bridge it must shatter the Maastricht criteria for monetary union. (Criteria which appear more meaningless by the month.)

t present there is no explicit plan to merge the EU's tax and social security policies. though that must one day be implied by "full economic and monetary union". Given Britain's sound record and the huge mismatch between funded and unfunded pension debts, any harmonisation of pensions would either be grotesquely unfair to Britain or grotesquely expensive. Buying out the common agricultural policy would be petty

cash in comparison. Boring though it may be, pensions debt is not some connoisseur's sideshow to the European monetary debate. The aggregates are huge. Pensions threaten to claw lumps out of Europe's wealth long into the new century. Only mass immigration

could conceivably supply the new working population to pay for it. On any basis, the effect on interest rates any basis, the enext on interest rates must be severe, and the case for Britain staying aloof overwhelming. As Tim Congdon said on this page recently, "If Europe's governments cannot solve the problem of unfunded pensions, they will not be able to prevent rises in taxation which will wreck their economies."

Mr Lilley's plan to get the State out of pensions over the next 40 years. other than as guarantor and regulator, would convert the pensions funds into vast financial powerhouses. The transitional cost would be high. New workers (now in their twenties) would receive rebates on their national insurance contributions to put into approved private schemes. This cost, added to that of continued payments to those now drawing or entitled to state pensions, will rise to 57 billion extra a year by 2030. But the gamble must be the ultimate privatisation challenge. It is that a private pension is more efficiently administered, more secure and less liable to erosion or confiscation than a state pension. Belief in this must be

How ironic that the most radical reform standing to the credit of the Tory Government should come in its dying weeks. Most public service privatisations will one day slither into a mess of political interference, subcontracts, bankruptcies and subsidies. But Mr Lilley's is in a class of its own. He is committing the nation's entire savings against old age to the private capital market. He is committing future governments to regulate this market fairly. He is also committing the Treasury to rising public spending on pensions for up to four decades before the full yield on the

policy is secure. I suppose the message is that governments can afford to take risks when they sense an appointment with death. But Mr Lilley has seen the revolutionary moment and grasped it. While colleagues scrabble in the dust for crusts to throw at voters, he has risen to the occasion. He has slammed on the table with full Cabinet authority a policy that is beyond the daring of any other government in Europe. It would cost present taxpayers dear in the short run, but be blessed by taxpayers to come. It is a classic of a policy with its ear to the ground of history. We should have dying governments

Alan Coren



Why I felt a frisson at the scent wars on Wall St

Tere you, on the off-chance, to inquire why V I was so grateful today to Mr Chandler Thomson and Ms Alice Dale, commodify traders of New York City, I should reply that it was because it's been far too long since I last gave serious consideration to the legs which so signally interfered with my ambition to be a dab hand at Beowulf. Chandler and Alice have, though they do not know it, jogged the memory of 40 years: in a trice, they have borne me back not merely to the reading room of the Bodleian Library, but to the very shaft of moted sunshine in which, that distant spring, I sat, the great epic open on the desk before me, Angle-Saxon dictionary to left of it, my notebook to the right, my eyes down, my. nib poised - and my ear cocked for the next mind-blowing susurration as the stockings opposite slowly crossed one another

yet again.
Where the mind was blown to need not be specified; what was more important for me then, as it is for Chandler and Alice now, is where it was blown from. Driven off-course, day after day. by the siren chorus of a dozen undergraduette thighs, it left the books, it left the desk, it left the room, and by the time it had struggled back, it was in no shape adequately to deal with yogh and thorn. Most mornings, indeed, it had to be taken outside, leaned against a wall, and given a recuperative fag. That is why I never became a dab hand at Beowulf.

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ot, of course, that Chandler and Alice are required to concentrate on Old English lettering. Old English letters are not commodities: had you, in 904, put all your money into yoghs and thorns. you would be broke today. What Chandler and Alice are required to concentrate on is sugar and spice and all things volatile: they sit with their eyes glued to their screens, and when they see the spot price for taggot futures go from 17.2 points to 17.4, they make themselves and their clients rich; but if for any reason their eyes become momentarily unglued, and laggot futures drop Chandler or Alice clocking it, they and their clients could well wind up squatting in Wall Street with a tin cup and a banjo.

locked in furious (and, this being New York, litigious) battle over Alice's scent. For Chandler's trading performance had been falling off for some weeks, and when his superiors voiced their concern, Chandler was politically uncircumspect enough to blame this on his having been distracted by everything from the Chanel No 5 with which Alice, who perched beside him. sloshed on each morning, to the various areas whereon she sloshed it, many of which were covered in little else. Hearing this, the superiors, being more feministically illiterate even than Chandler, politely invited Alice to dress down a bit, and give a shorter tweak to the perfume pump.

That is why the pair, as you

may have read, are currently

lice, of course, went A nuclear: tactically nuclear. I dare say, or, on second thoughts, don't dare. Pausing only to observe that a big reason for her own perfor-mance's outshining Chandler's was "because I feel good in my body", she Porsched round to her lawyers, who are now seeking a public apology from both Chandler and the firm, plus a million bucksworth of emollient. Fine, par for the US legal course, nothing to write home or columns about, but wait, who is this in the screaming Ferrari only two blocks behind Alice? Yes, it is Chandler, on his way to instruct his lawyers to counter-sue her for ambient harassment, worth, this time, two million dollars. Now, this one is not par for the course at all. This one is several strokes under, each of which, I have no doubt, America's lawyers will henceforth be straining to pull. Might this doctor have developed a career-threatening tic as the result of his patient's cleavage, did the woman sitting opposite that top novelist on the subway wink at him, thereby wiping the plot of his next bestseller forever from his brain, has this billionaire lost count of his money after the brushing of his knee by one attached to a voluptuous dinner guest?

More to the point, when we, as we invariably do, follow where the US has led, might I be able to track down the owners of those stockings without which I could well, today, have been a Regius professor?

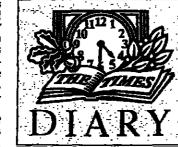
Street wise

IN THE Kremlin, as they discuss the latest round of ministerial changes, the name "Millfield" wafts round like the vapours from a bad vodka. Just as Eton was known in the Fifties as the "Cabinet-makers to the Queen", so the public school in Street, Somerset, has become the favourite of Russia's new democrats.

It is regarded as no coincidence that the biggest winner in Yeltsin's reshuffle has been Valentin Yumashev, whose daughter, like the President's grandson, attends the school. Yumashev, as the newly-appointed Chief of Staff, will be a powerful force. He and Yeltsin bonded when Yumashev ghosted the President's recent memoirs. Against the Grain.

Adding to the general feeling that the open fields of Somerset are fast turning into a nodal point for geopolitical networking. Deng Xiaoping's adopted grandson also goes to the school, though he had to return to Beijing recently for the

funeral of the paramount leader. Why, then, do the old Reds love Millfield? "Being bang in the middle of nowhere, it's good for security." says on old boy. "and it's reassuringly expensive, at around



£15,000 a year, for all that flash new Russian money." All they need now is Chelsea Clinton, and Millfield would have a superpower

Off side

THE latest presentational brainwave from the Tories is not to let their ministers be photographed in profile. A photographer was told this as he tried to snap Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, and Gillian Shephard, Education Secretary, at a press conference in Conservative Central Office yesterday morning.

As he was escorted away from

the sides, it was explained to him that long shots down a table make the honchos look too much like a

Helping Hans BOTANY is coming to Chelsea, courtesy of Jill, Duchess of Hamil-

ton. The super-enthusiastic Australian former wife of the present Duke of Hamilton, is hoping to raise £500,000 for a statue of the 17th-century botanist Sir Hans Sloane, to stand in Sloane Square,

She is also busy planning gar-



Julian Barnes: Empire disloyalist

dens and bird fountains round the borough. Her big idea is for people to cultivate gardens and plants which are useful to wildlife. Her supporters include the upmarket hippies Sir Mark Palmer and Lady Christopher Thynne, sister-in-law of Lord Bath, who are both descendants of Sir Hans.

"People associate Sloane with shopping boutiques," says the Duchess. "It's high time they associated it with botany again.

 Julian Barnes, the novelist, has been denigrating the British male in Barcelona. Speaking at a conference the other day, he said: "The British Empire was the product of sexual repression. The conquerors set off on their voyages for sexual motives." At this he paused, then added: "I know that my theory is not very flattering to British women.'

Safe site

THERE is an extraordinary eclecticism to the activities of Lord Parkinson these days, Last week the former Tory party chairman was the rather incongruous guest of honour at the launch of The Asian Times at a balti buffet in central London. Now the internet company of which he is chairman.



right to carry the decidedly racy website of Durex, the Cartier of contraception. On the site, readers will be able to take a romantic IQ test, receive hot tips on spicing up their love lives and investigate a miscellaneous section. Speaking from his office in the Lords, Parkinson sounded amused: "I'm afraid I know nothing of this."

Mai flies

ONCE again, the name Yamani is in the news. Anyone who remembers the oil crisis of the mid Seventies, when the Arab states Planet Online, has just won the determined to push up the price of



Oil's well: Sheikh Yamani and daughter Mai in younger days

oil against Western opposition, will remember the super-smooth figure of Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Oil Minister. Now his daughter. Mai Yamani. has been appointed a fellow of the Royal Institute of International Af-

Saudi Arahia

ject: the post oil-boom generation in the Golf Miss Yamani was the first Saudi woman to win a doctorate from Oxford University. She has edited a collection of essays on feminism and Islam, and is a fierce opponent

of the way women are treated in

fairs at Chatham House. Her sub-

ate y co 1:50



ARCHBISHOP ERROR

Carey was unwise to stray beyond matters spiritual

BACK TO FASHODA

Paris attempts a replay of African history

Many possible moves might provide additional support for the Church of England. The adoption of an Anglican foreign policy is not one of them. The Archbishop of Canterbury must have appreciated that a sermon delivered in Jerusalem would have sensitive significance. The historic struggle between Christians and Jews for control of the city only heighten the need for diplomacy. Despite that, the Archbishop chose to attack the Israeli Government's plans for new housing settlements and endorsed the notion of a full Palestinian state.

The explosive potential of the issues was, of course, no reason for Dr Carey to remain silent. He was entitled to assert, as he did, that Jerusalem is a holy site for three of the world's great religions and that those who exercise control over it should recognise that fact in their actions. Open access to shrines for each faith is a legitimate issue for all spiritual leaders. The Archbishop went beyond that, however, to offer strong support for a particular form of secular territorial outcome. His decision was unwise in principle and unhelpful in practice.

Nor were matters helped by his timing. Even by the standards of the peace process. the atmosphere is tense at present. The latest crisis centres on Israel's announcement of some 6,500 settlements in East Jerusalem and its decision to hand back a rather smaller pocket of the West Bank to the Palestinian National Authority than Yassir Arafat had expected. King Husain of Jordan has professed his distrust of Binyamin Netanyahu. Mr Arafat has slammed the phone down on him. Even President Clinton has expressed his regrets. Meanwhile the brutal stabbing of an Israeli soldier yesterday will have only hardened the Likud Administration's outlook.

In Africa they call it the Fashoda syndrome,

the struggle for the heart of Africa. They do

not mean the war between the Hutus and

the Tutsis, though that is still raging, nor the

rebellion in eastern Zaire that has brought

Laurent Kabila and others opposing the

dictatorship of President Mobutu to the

gates of Kisangani. The syndrome is the

rivalry between France and Britain and the

French desire to avenge the last confront-

ation, when Kitchener advanced up the Nile

in 1898 and halted French attempts to

establish a series of forts in Sudan. The

Fashoda Incident established the limits of

francophone and English-speaking Africa.

Now, France suspects, the anglophones are

This is what lies at the heart of President

Chirac's call yesterday for an international

intervention force to halt the rebel advance.

silence" which has greeted French reports of

genocide of the fleeing Hutus by advancing

Tutsi rebels. And he appealed to America

and Europe to support a French initiative in

enforcing a ceasefire and rushing humani-

His calls have fallen on deaf ears in

Washington, London and other capitals that

were ready to support a Canadian-led force

last year. For it is clear to all except the

French that M Chirac's proposal would

achieve nothing to help the beleaguered

Africans and much that would bolster the

waning political and economic influence of

France. The West has an interest in

safeguarding the rich mineral resources of

eastern Zaire; it has none in risking Western

competition. Regulating labour conditions

can, however, no more guarantee employ-

ment stability in the end than fixing

exchange rates can guarantee that of

currencies. In both cases the market cannot.

The Directive was originally designed to

protect those whose jobs were threatened by

takeover. It has since been invoked by

employees who have been made redundant

when their employers have been beaten in a

competitive tendering process. Yesterday,

however, the ECJ ruled against a German

cleaner, Frau Ayse Suzen, who lost her job

Superficially, the Luxembourg Court's

judgment suggests a proper sensitivity to

market realities. If a company is forced to

keep on employees when it can longer afford

to do so then the viability of the entire

enterprise is threatened. All the jobs which

were supposed to be protected are imper-

illed; far from providing protection for the

Compulsory competitive tendering has

introduced market pressures into the deliv-

ery of local services. That has been of great

benefit to taxpayers. Its successful operation

depends on being able to withdraw contracts

from poorly performing service providers.

Insisting that employees whose company

loses a contract keep their positions impedes

that flexibility. It gives privileges to the

few, regulation can harm the many.

when her employers lost their contract.

and should not, be bucked.

tarian aid to the area.

M Chirac denounced the "conspiracy of

expanding beyond that boundary.

Recent precedent suggests a pattern behind the current impasse. Mr Netanyahu is locked into the peace process but is determined to drive a much harder bargain than Shimon Peres would have accepted. He also heads a coalition in which his own supporters constitute a minority and a Cabinet with many members whose beliefs and constituencies are far more uncompromising than his own. The concessions he offers need to be offset by counter-balancing measures that will appease his more strident followers. Mr Arafat faces a similar dilemma. He has no realistic alternative bar dialogue with Israel but faces

constant pressure from fanatical extremists. As the events of the past year have shown, is difficult but not impossible to dovetail these two positions. The procedure has to be both detailed and delicate. Sweeping pronouncements from outsiders such as Dr Carey, no matter what their intention, are more likely to offer ammunition to fundamentalists on both sides than assist that complex dialogue. The Middle East needs its temperature lowered not raised by external observers such as the Archbishop.

Even in terms of his own professed objectives, the Archbishop's outburst made little sense. He called for a city of "two people, three faiths". Yet supporters of a Palestinian homeland favour partition of Jerusalem, with the eastern sector as its capital. That is a recipe for divided people and segregated faiths. Whatever changes further negotiations might realise, one principle should be clear. Real peace demands reconciliation not redivision. Jerusalem should be unified in status with an integrated population. How that happens is a matter for the politicians. It is not for the Archbishop of Canterbury.

France, however, is cynically attempting

to prop up the tottering Government in

Kinshasa in the belief that Mr Mobutu will

maintain France's dominant position in the

former Belgian colony and in the neigh-

bouring francophone countries. Having

armed and backed the Hutu killers in

Rwanda, France is now desperately trying to

justify its self-serving policies. It maintains

that the advancing rebels have massacred

the Hutu perpetrators of the Rwanda

genocide, now fleeing deeper into the Zaire

jungle to escape retribution; it insists that

Mr Mobutu, recuperating in his villa in

southern France, is the legitimate and

effective ruler; and it accuses the British and

Americans of trying to advance their

interests by backing the Rwanda Govern-

ment, largely composed of English-speaking

envoy has said after visiting Zaire that there

are no massacre sites. The long-suffering

Zaireans have welcomed the rebels as a

relief from the marauding Zaire army and

the value of the currency has risen in rebel-

held territory. And while it is true that

Rwanda is now so hostile to France that it

has applied for Commonwealth member-

ship as a way of throwing over the franco-

phone hegemony, this is not part of an

France, with bases all across central and

West Africa, is playing a neo-colonial game

increasingly unacceptable to the countries

concerned. If Paris wants help from Britain

and America in sharing the burden of

establishing an African peacekeeping force.

it should halt its policies of revanche and

accept that African interests are not always

inefficient, providing sinecures for those

Unfortunately for Europe's workers, although the ECJ was right to find against

Frau Suzen, the nature of the Acquired

Rights Directive provides no guarantee that

the correct decisions will be taken in future.

Yesterday's judgment does not appear to set

even the modest precedent of excluding all

contracting-out from the scope of the

directive. The Luxembourg court's applica-

tion of the directive can hold contractors

liable when they take over significant

"undertakings". The definition of taking

over an undertaking is, however, still

insufficiently precise. The Government.

understandably, wants clarity and is nego-

tiating in the current inter-governmental

conference to secure a revision of the

directive acceptable to all. A renegotiation of

the directive would be welcome, but better

still would be a more comprehensive review

For the 23 chairmen and chief executives

who wrote to the Financial Times yesterday

to attack Euroscepticism such a stance

might seem uncomfortably close to the

"arm's length attitude" they deplore. In their

desire to see no evil in the EU, however, the

big businessmen are in danger of adopting

Pollyanna politics. The single market has

brought benefits, but many of those have

been undermined by counter-productive EU

legislation, made worse by European Court

judgments. For many struggling small

enterprises the Europe of the Court of Justice

is not so much open for business as closed to

their complaints.

of the social costs of EU arrangements.

synonymous with French primacy.

who should be public servants.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Laws cannot protect jobs, only competition can

None of this is true. The Dutch special

exiles returning from Uganda.

Anglo-American conspiracy.

I am sure that the commissioners will look closely at the use made of these urgency procedures and will en-

MICHAEL HOWARD, Home Office,

Reproduction ethics

Sir, The reproduction revolution has not only caught the public imagination but has also raised serious worries, with headline stories about embryo reduction for social reasons, octuplet pregnancy, limited-duration frozen embryo storage, the rights of lesbian and gay couples to have and raise families and, more recently, the spectre of children from the grave posthumous conception) (Diane Blood wins right to have dead hus-band's bahy", February 28).

Technology has already outstripped al values and beliefs.

equally affected. In assisting in the creation of persons (and also in the creation of parents), do we run the risk of giving in to any aspect of human desire regarding reproduction? What are our duties in the face of the attitude that science must provide a child

There is no requirement under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act for fertility units to have their own ethical committees, to which cases or issues raising concern can be referred. I believe making such committees compulsory will be crucial in helping us to decide in which direction changes may be made and how far we shauld go.

Yours faithfully. SAMMY LEE. Fertility Unit. Portland Hospital 205-209 Great Portland Street, Wi. March 6.

Airbus forecasts From Mr Richard Hill

Sir. The prospect (report, March 7) of SOO-seat aircraft incorporating games rooms, duty-free shopping areades. bars and restaurants may sound like rapture to some; but what damage

Airbus Industrie plans to build the aircraft to meet an 84 per cent increase in long-haul traffic within the next 20 years, particularly to and from the Far East. In putting these figures forward the company mentions the very important problem of increased noise around airports, but what about the global environment! Such a massive increase in air travel must significantly augment the pollution of the upper atmosphere and add to

Two points stand out, Firstly, the absurd system of adding to aircraft weight, and therefore to fuel consumption, by selling "duty free" products in the air should be curtailed, not increased. Secondly, the environment surely cannot sustain unlimited

Since the "Earth summit" of 1992 in Rio de Janeiro, the Government is rightly adopting measures to reduce emissions from cars on a national basis. It is becoming imperative that trends in international air traffic

Yours faithfully. RICHARD HILL The Saplings. Highleigh, Chichester, Sussex March 8

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Home Secretary replies on bugging

From the Home Secretary

Sir, Dr lan G. Bogle of the British Medical Association and others (letter. March 10) express continuing concerns about the Police Bill's provisions

on intrusive surveillance. We have tabled substantial amendments to the Bill in response to the concerns that were originally raised. If an operation is in a sensitive category, including any that are likely to intrude on medical confidentiality, the police will normally be required to obtain the approval of a commissioner who will be a serving or retired High Court judge - before that operation

Prior approval will not be required in urgent cases, but the commissioner will have to be notified as soon as practicable. The notification must set out the authorising officer's reasons for believing the case to be one of urgency. The commissioner will scrutinise all such notifications and may quash any authorisation which he is not satisfied has been properly given.
I believe our amended proposals

provide a rigorous and effective sys-

tem for oversight of these operations by a senior judicial figure. The only difference between our approach and that of the BMA is in our provision for urgent cases. cannot accept that we should risk losing what can be a very narrow window of opportunity to mount an

operation because of a requirement to seek prior approval. A surveillance operation can be a matter of life and death - for example when a hostage is being held - and minutes can be crucial.

sure that they are not abused. I am convinced that they are essential.

Yours faithfully, Queen Anne's Gate, SWI.

From Dr Sammy Lee

public understanding of what is on offer, and in the years to come there will be many more challenges to tradition-

Those of us working in the field are

will 1,400 of these monsters do to the environment?

global warming.

expansion in air travel.

should be the subject of urgent study.

Debate on merits of public or private pension provision

From Mr Richard Worsley

Sir. The Government's pensions proposals (leading article, The pension plan". March 6) should not be criti-cised on the grounds of cost.

As the population gets older and the value of the state pension steadily reduces through indexation to prices, any government must face the inevitability of increasing pension cost. These proposals accept that inevitability but also have the merit of striking a balance between the roles of individuals, employers and the State in funding retirement income.

They also provide a strategy for long-term containment of the cost of pensions on taxpayers and those still at work. Any credible critic must come up with alternatives which address those requirements.

However, the value of personal pension funds can go down as well as up. While the Government's guarantee of at least the state pension is therefore an essential element of the proposals, it remains linked only to prices. The Government is swift to point out that some individuals could do well out of the proposals: they contain no guarantee that others might not continue to do very badly. Should the Government not also act as a guarantor of at least some element of personal pen-

Secondly, the record of the personal pensions sector has been badly tarnished by mis-selling. As you said in your leading article. "Pay as you err" (March 8), the expanded role of the sector under these proposals needs to be accompanied by convincing reas-

surance about its regulation. Finally, the timing of this announcement carries the risk that discussion of the proposals may be prejudiced by electoral point-scoring. If there is a single issue which should

transcend political squabbling, it is the responsibility we all carry to leave the next generation with a sound, stable and permanent system of refire-

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WORSLEY (Director). The Carnegie Third Age Programme, PO Box 160, Burnham Norton. Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

From Mr Robin Oldroyd

Sir, The Government's new proposals on pensions are welcome. However, there are bound to be reservations about the performance of the companies involved under such a scheme.

Would not the answer be for the major portion of pensions contributions, which is invested in equities, to be put into index-linked funds similar to the Peps index-linked schemes run by Virgin, Legal & General and others? This would calm investors fears about which companies perform best. keep costs low and, as with the Peps schemes, probably produce bener than average performance.

Yours faithfully, R. OLDROYD. Ashlands. Belmont Road, Bath. March 6.

From Mr Simon Crine

Sir, Your criticisms of Labour's response to Perer Lilley's plans for privatising pensions (leading article and Riddell on politics, March 6) are misplaced. On this occasion, both caution and scepticism are in order, given the ideologically driven nature of Mr Lilley's proposals.

The basic state pension is far from perfect - too low to start with, thanks to its de-indexing from earnings -- but it gives real meaning to the phrase social security. Many, if not most, people would rather that the ultimate guarantee of some income in old age was provided directly by the State. Serps, with all its faults, offers 2 public earnings-related pension option that is supported even by those who do not choose to use it for

themselves. It enhances choice. The future is much more likely to lie with a blending of the social security offered by the state pensions and the individual security offered by private pensions. Labour is right to be cautious, for the real issue is about how to encourage all of us to save more for our old age, not about public versus private provision.

Yours faithfully, SIMON CRINE, 27 Jackson Road, N7.

From Mr K. D. Boyd

Sir, Congratulations on your leader today. It is amongst the best descrip-tions of the pensions mis-selling fiasco I have read.

However, the "snake-oil salesmen" are not the only culprits. I would add the regulator, who appears to have been asleep when pensions were de-regulated. Had he done his job at the time, you need never have written your leader.

Perhaps, in the cases of pension transfers, the actuaries of the employers' schemes were not blameless

Yours faithfully. KENNETH BOYD. Boyd & Associates (Independent financial advisers), The Oast House, Holt Pound, Farnham, Surrey.

Gorbachev's legacy

From Mr Oleg Gordievsky

Sir. In his unrestrained panegyric of Gorbachev (article, "Heroes of transi-tion". March 7) Matthew Parris loses his sense of balance and ignores elementary historical facts.

Gorbachev did not try to create a free and democratic society in the USSR but aimed to improve the com-munist system by making it competitive with the West. Contrary to Parris's statement that Gorbachev "introduced a pluralistic economy" he constantly spoke against it and only in the final year of his tenure did he reluctantly start speaking of a "socialist

A pluralist economy of a sort was created by Yegor Gaidar, with the support of Boris Yeltsin, in 1992, Contrary also to Parris's words that Gorbachev "arranged for free elections... and a multiparty system", he battled against them to the last. It was Soviet democrats, with Andrei Sakharov at

their head, who led the struggle for the abolition of the Communist Party's monopoly on power. Gorbachev insulted the latter in public for this, very soon after which the Nobel prizewinner died.

When certain Soviet republics attempted to win freedom Gorbachev, with the help of the army and the KGB, created bloodbaths in Tbilisi, Baku and Vilnius. The contention that he "almost singlehandedly ended the Cold War and the arms race" is an absurdity, ignoring more important factors such as the West's growing tech-nological and military superiority, the assertive and intelligent policy to-wards the USSR of American, British and West German leaders and diplomats and the tough opposition to totalitarian tyranny on the part of the people of Eastern Europe.

Yours faithfully. OLEG GORDIEVSKY, c/o A. M. Heath. 79 St Martin's Lane, WC2. March 7.

Democracy and EU

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Sir, Is it any surprise that people are becoming disenchanted with democracy when an ever-increasing number of laws are made without any democratic pedigree (Lord Nolan's article, March 8)? There are, for example, more than 21 ways of legislating under the EU treaties none of which involves democracy in a meaningful

Moreover, the competence of our Parliament is forever shrinking. In the winter months of 1995 public opinion was very much in favour of prohibiting live calf exports. A Bill could, in my view, have been passed by Parliament. However, as our Parliament is no longer competent to ban such exports, under the Treaty of Rome, what choice do those who feel passionately about the issue have but to protest?

Dehate, as Lord Nolan points out, is essential to democracy. This country faces the imminent decision of whether to hand over control of our economic affairs to another unelected committee in Europe. Yet where is the debate on this vital issue?

At the risk of sounding like one of the youthful cynics Lord Nolan was inveighing against, politics is increasingly a shadow theatre. And this is why it is so unattractive to many of us.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD A. EDWARDS. 60 Queen's Road. Devizes, Wiltshire.

Sir, I have kept a note of the cost of re-

newing the batteries for my transistor

radio. In March, 1994, this was £2.65;

in August, 1995, the same leading

hrand cost £3.39 and now, in March,

1997 I have had to pay £3.99 (a 50 per

The manufacturer will argue, per-

haps, that I am paying more for an

improved product - and indeed the life of these hatteries does seem to

have increased from around 17

But would it not be better if we

could occasionally restrain "progress"

and go on paying much the same

price for much the same product?

Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

months to around 19 months.

Yours faithfully,

West Barn.

JOHN McANUFF.

Hall Place, Seer Green.

From Dr J. W. McAnuff

cent rise in three years).

Mothers' image From the Reverend Colin MacGregor

Sir, I am surprised that members of the Mothers' Union who took part in a recent survey should describe the organisation as "fuddy duddy" (report. March 7).

Recently I had to give the address at a Mothers' Union Deanery Service. In preparation I did my homework and read the MU's annual report and a number of past copies of their magazine Home and Family.

I discovered that there is no organisation that could be more in touch with modern social, moral and sexual problems. There were articles and discussions on homosexuality, abortion and genetic engineering. This concern is combined with many practical activities from advising the Government on the new Divorce Bill to childminding for prison visitors. One group of branches had even organised a conference on the subject of the

My greatest surprise was to discover that men are allowed to join, so even an elderly, retired, unmarried clergyman like me can become a member. Perhaps this does suggest that the Union is right to consider a change of title. Yours sincerely,

COLIN MacGREGOR, Longacre Court. 21 Maytield Road, Sanderstead, Croydon, Surrey. March 7.

Inflation and progress Country consensus From Mr Robert A. Morley

Sir. Your call fleading article, "Coun-

try consensus", March 8) for hunters, shooters and fishers to unite is very apposite in the sense that there must surely be a deep insecurity in the psyche of those who can actually enjoy injuring or taking the life of any living

Ogden Nash puts it in a nutshell: This grown-up man, with pluck and luck, Is hoping to outwit a duck.

Yours faithfully. R. A. MORLEY. 25 Rectory Road, Southport, Merseyside. March 8.

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Divine intervention?

From the Reverend Richard Dormandy

Sir, Can we now expect another round of "Science proves the Bible" headlines? Evidence from Dr Marie-Agnes Courty, to be discussed at a conference in Cambridge in July, will suggest that the destruction of Bronze Age cities was caused by the impact of comets or meteorites (report, March 8).

Sodom and Gomorrah were two such cities, about which Genesis xix. 24 and 25 (New International Version)

Then the Lord rained down burning sul-phur on Sodom and Gomorrah from the Lord out of the heavens. Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities and also the vegetation in the land.

Since scholars normally place Abraham near the beginning of the Middle Bronze age (circa 2,000-1900 BC) coincidence with Dr Courty's findings of extraterrestrial deposits in the Middle East, dated circa 2,200 BC.

The question remaining, however, is what actually happened to Lot's wife — in modern geological terms

Yours faithfully, RICHARD DÓRMANDY, Holy Trinity Vicarage, I Sydenham Park Road, SE26.

Magnificent seven From Mrs Hilary de Birch

Sir, Come wind, rain and northeast gales, there are still seven apples firmly attached to our apple tree from the crop of 1996.

At the same time the branches are

in bud in preparation for the fruits of the coming summer. Yours faithfully,

HILARY de BIRCH. 201 Sunderland Road. South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

Kitchen slavery

From Mrs Krzysia Gossage Sir, I don't have the time to investigate

the possibility of cloning Mrs Caro-line Zoob's paragon of a husband (letter, March II). Could I just have him, please? Yours faithfully,

KRZYSIA GOSSAGE, Little Brays, Kingston Stert. Chinnor, Oxfordshire. March II.

From Mr David Elston

Sir, Along, I suspect, with most other husbands in the land, I am fervently praying that the Zoob family, particularly the apparently unbearable Mr Zoob, does not move in next door.

Yours sincerely, DAVID ELSTON, 8 Mayfield Terrace, Edinburgh. March 11.

From Lady Lea

Sir, I fully support Philippa Grace's high opinion of dishwashers (letter, March 10).

I am so fond of mine that I have been married to him for nearly 50 years.

Yours sincerely, PATRICIA LEA, Springfield, 27 Bright's Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire.

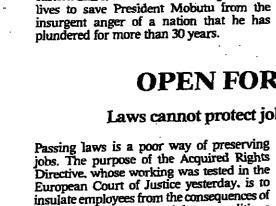








DAY MARCHIN



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March II: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening. The Duke of Edinburgh, President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for

Nature -- WWF International today visited the Hustain Nuruu Steppe Reserve Biodiversity His Royal Highness this afternoon

gave a Press Conference for World Wide Fund for Nature and afterwards attended a Reception for the British and Commonwealth community in Mongolia at the Bayangol Hotel.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March II: The Princess Royal this morning visited the Royal Stables at Seeb and the British Council in

Her Royal Highness later attended a Reception for Omani Scholars, followed by a Luncheon at the Residence given by Her Majesty's Ambassador (His Excellency Mr Richard Muir).

This afternoon The Princess Royal was received by The Sultan of Oman and remained to Tea. Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception at the Residence given by Her Majesty's

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 11: The Prince of Wales this morning departed from Heathrow Airport, London, for New York, United States of America. His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Mr Jeffrey Ling (Her

Maiesty's Consul General). The Prince of Wales this morning called upon the United Nations

Secretary-General (His Excellency

Mr Khofi Annani at the His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Luncheon given

by the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations and Lady Weston. The Prince of Wales, President, Royal Shakespeare Company, later attended a Reception and Presentation given by the Comparry at the Cartyle Hotel. His Royal Highness this evening viewed the "Glory of the Byzan-

tium" exhibition and, as Patron, attended a Reception and Dinner in aid of the St Catherine Foundation at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Dr Manon Williams is in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE March II: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening at-tended a Recital and Dinner in aid of the British Dyslexia Association in Goldsmiths' Hall, London EC2.

Royal engagements

Prince Edward, as trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a dinner at St James's Palace at 7.30. Princess Margaret, as President of

The Guide Association, will give a reception for Queen's Guides at Kensington Palace at 5.00. The Duke of Kent, as visitor, will attend the annual court dinner at Cranfield University, Bedford-

Princess Alexandra will attend a dinner for the Museum of Scotland at the Palace of Holyroodhouse

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: John Aubrey, antiquary, Easton Pierse, Wiltshire, 1626; Sir Richard Steele, essayist, Dublin, baptised this day 1672; George Berkeley. Bishop of Cloyne, Dysert Castle, Kilkenny, 1685: Thomas Arne, composer of Rule Britannia, London, 1710; Lady Hester Stanhope, traveller and eccentric, Chevening, Kent, 1776; William Buckland, geologist and clergyman, Tiverton, 1784; John Frederic Daniell, chemist, London, 1790; Gustav Kirchoff, chemist, Kaliningrad, Russia, 1824; John Lawrence Toole, actormanager, London, 1830; Sir William Perkin, inventor of artificial dye, London, 1838; Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet, dramatist and nationalist, Pescara, Italy, 1863; W.H.R.

1890; Jack Kerouac, novelist. Lowell, Massachusetts, 1922. DEATHS: St Gregory, Pope 590-604. Rome. 604; Alessandro Magnasco, painter, Genoa, 1749; Hilaire, Comte de Chardonnet, pioneer of rayon, Paris, 1924; Sun Yat-Sen, President of the Republic of China 1911-12, Peking, 1925; Ivar Kreuger, financier, the "Match King" committed suicide, Paris, 1932; Sir William Henry Bragg, physicist, Nobel laureate 1915, London, 1942;

Rivers, anthropologist, Luton,

near Chatham, 1864; Kemal

key 1923-38, Salonika, 1881;

Vaslav Nijinsky, ballet dancer

and choreographer, Kiev,

Anne Frank, diarist, Belsen concentration camp. 1945; Heinrich Mann, novelist, California, 1950.

Bermuda became a British colony, 1609.

The Girl Guides (later called Scouts) movement was started in the United States by Juliette Gordon Low, 1912. Mahatma Gandhi began a

300-mile protest march to the sea, 1930. The 30 mph speed limit was introduced, 1935.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines CAPTAIN: K J C Day — Staff of FDSM Northwood 1.8.97; H A H G Edieston - Cardiff in Crnd 19.5.97; M A Johnson — Sultan AIB 20.3.97.

COMMANDER: J K Coulthard — MOD LONDON 1.8.97; S K Firth — DG Ships Devonport 6.5.97; R W Jackman — DNLP Bath 29.8.97; S R Lister — MOD London 8.8.97. CHAPLAIN: R Nurton - RNC 20.7.97.

Company of Armourers and Brasiers

Mr MJ. Paton. Master of the Company of Armourers and Brasiers, presented travel awards to trainee managers in the steel industry, and travel and book awards to students at Sheffield Hallam University, at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, yesterday. Mr R.D. Field, Master Cutler in Hallamshire, and Mr J.M. Stoddart, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield Hallam University, also spoke.



Veteran's mutiny VC likely to sell for £30,000

By Alan Hamilton

THE Victoria Cross awarded to one of the decoration's oldest recipients is expected to fetch up to £30,000 when it comes up for auction in London next week.

Captain George Forrest was a 59-year-old veteran when the Indian Mutiny broke out in 1857. He and other officers and men of the Bengal Veteran Establishment were guarding the Delhi Magazine when it was attacked by mutineers determined to seize the British Army's principal store of ammunition. His VC was one of three awarded to veterans that day for their courageous defence of military property.

The medal has never been offered for sale, and has been sent to auction by an anony-mous source. The Indian Mutiny began as a revolt by 35,000 sepoys, developed into a full-scale two-year war between the native population and the British Raj, and ended the East India Company's rule of the subcontinent, which was transferred to the newly-formed India Office in London.

Few displayed greater bravery during the mutiny than Captain Forrest, who held the rank of lieutenant in the veterans' regiment. He was on guard duty at the magazine on May II. 1857.

£1,067,194 net.

Joan Mary Holden, of Appley Bridge, Wigan,

Joan Wally Houses, of Appley Bright, Wall, Lancashire, left estate valued at \$1,591,616 net. She left \$1,000 each to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, British Red Cross Society, and the National Trust: \$500 each to Barnardos and the Conservative and Unionist Association.

Neil Hanning Reed Speke. of Corbridge,

Northumberland, left estate valued at

Anita Marian McAndrew, of Jtchen Abbas,

E1,037,855 net.

She left £2,500 to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral and to the Priest in charge of the Parish of St Swithun, Martyr, Worthy,

Louie Brown, of Banstead, Surrey, left estate

valued at £1,263,484 net. Left £10,000 each to Charities Aid Foundation, All Saints church. Banstead, Barnardo's, National Trust, Salvation Army, Walton on the Hill (Surrey)

Winchester, Hampshire, left estate valued at

Blowing up of the Kashmir Gate, Delhi, during the mutiny, on September 14, 1857 of Glenining's, the coin and and Raynor, managed to get heavily armed mob. For four medal department of Phil-lips, which will sell the medal away, although they were 'smoke-blackened and on March 19. said: "The unrecognisable".

hours, according to the dis-patches of the time, he and

his fellow "gallant defenders"

did everything possible to

save the magazine as muti-

neers "poured down murder-

ous fire from the tops of the

walls, to which nine valiant

Englishmen replied with

Captain Forrest and his

tiny force of defenders were

faced with a terrible dilem-

ma, resolved by a bold and

brave decision. Should they

blow up the magazine before

they were overwhelmed by

the attackers? They would

undoubtedly be killed them-

selves by the explosion, but at

least the ammunition would

no longer be there to be taken

According to the contempo-

rary report: "At about 4 p.m.,

with a terrific roar which

shook the whole of Delhi. the

great magazine exploded. Not one of the defenders

expected to escape with his

life." Miraculously, however.

Forrest, together with col-

£1,883,575 net.

by the insurgents.

both guns and rifles".

Lieutenant G. D. Willoughby, described in the report as the greatest hero of them all", became separated from the others and was killed by the mutineers. The surviving three, all badly wounded, were decorated with their country's highest award for valour.

Forrest recalled: "Buckley

received a musket ball in his arm above the elbow, which has since been extracted here. I, at the same time, was struck in the left hand by two musket balls which disabled me for the time. It was at this critical moment that Lt Willoughby gave the order for firing the magazine ... As soon as the explosion took place, such as escaped from beneath the ruins, and none escaped unhurt, retreated through the sally port on the river face ... Severe indisposition prevented me from sending in this report sooner." Andrew Litherland, head

Infantry, whose death at the siege of Lucknow on November 18, 1857, was savagely avenged, are expected to fetch up to £1,200. They are accompanied by a handwritten note reading: "For the doctor. Poor

Delhi Magazine is one of the

most famous incidents of the

Indian Mutiny. It is interest-

ing that three VCs were given

for this action, and all three

Indian Campaign medals with bars awarded to Lieu-

tenant-Colonel George

Biddulph of the 45th Native

At the same auction, two

went to veterans."

Biddulph was shot dead from this garden when riding in advance of Sir Colin's retrieving force, he then being at the head of the Intelligence Department. Within an hour of his death, 1.500 black brutes. cut off and surrounded, were shot down and bayoneted within these four walls. He did not, thank God, die unavenged."

University of Jerusalem. National Trust. RSPCA. Theatre Museum. Society for Theatre Research. National Arts Collection Find and the RSPB: and E200 to the Georgian Group.

Alfred Francis Deards, of Royston, Hertford-

Aired Francis Deards, of Royston, Hertiordshire, left £1,024.448 net.
He left shares in his residuary estate to the RNLL
Arthrids and Rheumarism Council for Research,
Imperial Cancer Research Fund, British Epileps,
Association, Lucis Trust, Multiple Sciences,
Society, National Trust, Friends of Royston and
District Hospital, Royston Branch of the Royal
British Legion, Rotary Club of Boyston and the
Lloyds Patriotic Fund, the parochial church
council of the Parish of Royston, and the parochial
church council of the Parish of Standon.

George Henry Rayner, of Sheffield, left estate valued at £1.874,666 net. He left £500 each to the NSPCC. RSPCA, Barnardos, Salvation Army, Guide Dogs for the Bilind and the Multiple Scienosis Society.

Frank Butterfield, of Tynemouth, Tyne and

Birthdays today

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Sir Antony Acland, diplomat, 67; Dr Giovanni Agnelli, honorary chairman, Fiat Group, 76; Mr Rudolph Agnew, chairman, Lasmo, 63: Mr Edward Afbee, dramatist, 69: Mr R.E. Alley, artist, 71; Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, 49; Mr Norbert Brainin. concert violinist, 74; Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Surveyor Emeritus of the Queen's Works of Art, 66; Mr Willie Duggan, rugby player, 47; Mr John Gross, writer, 62; Mr Peter Gwynn-Jones, Garter Principal King of Arms, 57: Mr Norman Hogg, MP, 59; Mr Philip Jones, former Principal, Trinny College of Music, 69: Mr Anish Kapoor, artist and sculptor, 43; Mr A.D. Loehnis, banker, 61; Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, 48; Miss Liza Minnelli, actress and singer, 51. Mr David Minaric. interior designer, 58; the Hon Roland Moyle, former MP, 69; Sir Tom Normanton, former MP, 80; Mr Patrick Procktor, painter, 61; Mr Rod Richards, MP, 50; Lord Rotherwick, 43; Mr James Taylor, singer, 49; Viscount Trenchard, 46; Mr Julian Treuherz, Keeper of Galleries for the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside, 50; Miss Elizabeth Vaughan, soprano, 60; Lord Wallace of Saltaire, 56; Mr Paul Way, golfer. 34; Mr David C. Williams, trade unionist, 71; Mr David Wilmot, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, 54; Miss Googie Withers, actress, 80.

Dinners

Сагшел's Сошралу Alderman Sir Peter Gadsden, Lord Mayor locum tenens, and Lady Gadsden, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Martin, attended the annual livery dinner of the Carmen's Company held last night at the Mansion House Mr J.M.B. Gotch, Master. presided, assisted by Mr J.E. Ratcliff, Senior Warden, and

The Lord Mayor locum tenens and Judge W.N. Denison, QC. also spoke. Foundation for Science

Mr B.J. Hooper, Junior Warden.

and Technology Lord Jenkin of Roding, Vice-President of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner dis held last night at the Royal Society. Professor John Swales. Professor Sir Michael Bond and Dr James Niedel were the speakers.

Pipeline Industries Guild Mr Alan Corbett, Chairman of the Home Farm Trust, and Mr Christopher Martin-Jenkins were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Pipeline Industries Guild held last night at Grosvenor House, Sir John Cullen, president. was in the chair. Dr Roger Stokes,

The Wilberforce Dinner The Partners of Clifford Chance

were the hosts at a dinner held yesterday evening at Gray's Inn Hall to mark the 90th birthday of Lord Wilberforce. The dinner followed a lecture, which was presented by Lord Goff of Chievely, FBA, on the future of the common law. The lecture was of International and Comparative Law and the British Branch of the International Law Association and sponsored by Clifford Chance. Amone the guests were:

Among the guests were:
Lord and Lady Wilberforce, the Hon
Sam and Mrs Sarah Wilberforce,
Mr and the Hon Mrs Lindsay Burn,
the Lord Chancelor, Lord and Lady
Bingham of Combill, Lady Goff of
Chievely, Lord and Lady Woolf, Lord
Mustill, Lord Ackner, Sir Robert
Jennings, QC, and Lady Jennings,
Sir Michael and Lady Fox and
Sir Arthur Watts, QC.

Mrs Essex Brooke

A memorial service for Mrs Essex Brooke will be held at St Simon Zelotes Church, Milner Street, SW3 on Saturday, April 26, 1997.

Forthcoming • marriages

Mr M.T. Innes of Crommey and Miss R. E. Miline
The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Sir Malcohn and Lady Innes of Edingight, Banfishire, and Robyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. Stewart Milne, of Edinburgh.

Mr C.B. Ewart and Miss P.A. McConnel The engagement is announced between Christopher Bruce youngest son of Mr and Mrs. Charles Ewart, of Rhossili, Gower, and Polly Adriana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian McCoanet, of Platford, Hampshire.

Mr A.T. Glazebrook and Miss I.S.H. Part The engagement is announced between Augustin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Philip Glazebrook, of Strode Manor, Bridport, Dorset and Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Part, of Bulmer, North Yorkshire.

Dr S.R. Gurling and Miss L.R. Sheldon ...

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mrs Mary Carling and the lane Bill Carling, of Cambuslang, Glasgow, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Sheldon, of Hounslow, Middlesex.

Mr J.H.G. Heelas and Miss L.J. Bryce-Smith

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Heelas, of Warborough, Oxfordshire, and Lucy, daughter of the late Mr. David Bryce-Smith and of Mrs David Bryce-Smith, of Middle Wallop, Hampshire. Mr J.J. Ingles le-Nobel

The engagement is announced between Johan, only son of Mrs Anna Ingles, of Alconbi Weston, Cambridgeshire, and Dr Cornelius le-Nobel, of Hilversum, The Netherlands, and Janine, eldest daughter of Mr Gerald Boxall, CBE, and Mrs Diana Boxall, of Forest Green, Surrey.

Mr A.S.V. Thomas and Miss C.A.E. Hale

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs David Thomas, of Kent, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hale, of Hampton,

Dr P.J. Wolste and Dr T. Mead

The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Alan and Christine Wolstencroft, of Carlisle, Cumbria, and Tanya, langhter of Gary and Maureen Mead, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Luncheons

HM Government Earl Howe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Goverriment at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Valdis Birkavs, Foreign Minister of Latvia.

First Day Cover Chib

Professor Alan Livingston, Principal of Falmouth College of Arts and a member of the Royal Mail's stamp advisory committee, was the First Day Cover Club held yesterday at Church House. Mr Monty Meth presided.

The luncheon was held to

mark the publication of a set of special stamps commemorating St Augustine of Canterbury and St Columba of Iona, the founding fathers of Christianity in England and Scotland.

Reception

Institute for Jewish Policy Research

Lord Rothschild, President of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, was the host at a reception held last night at the Savoy Hotel to mark the 80th birthday of Mr William Frankel.

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Latest wills

Association, and Royal Marsden Hospital; £5,000 to Royal Horticultural Society.

Alfred Michael Lewis, of London W8, left

HISSES OF NEC.

He left E500 each to the British Council of the Shaar Zedar Medical Centre, Friends of the Alyn Hospital, Jerusalem, Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem in GB. Jewish Blind Society, Jewish Philanthropic Association for Israel and the Middle East, General Israel Orphanage Home for Girls, Jerusalem, and the Centre for the Blind.

Barbara Augusta Reddaway, of Cambridge,

Sybil Marion Rosenfeld, of London W2, left

She left £1,000 to Kings College, London, £500 each to Jewish Care. Friends of the Hebrew

left estate valued at £1,016,568 net.

estate valued at £998,736 net.

TRADE: 0171 481 1982 FAX: 0171 481 9313

Jesus said, Tather, I thank you for bearing me. I know that you always hear me, but I have spoken for the sake of the people standing round, that they may believe it was you who sent me. John 11: 41,42

BARHARD - On 2nd March 1997, to Andrew and Sazah, a son, Tobias James Nefyn, a brother for Francesca.

CIAMPI - On March 6th is Chicago, to Nicola (née West) and Steven, a daughter, Sofia Emily, a sister for Thomas. FATTORIM - On Priday March 7th, to Marie (née Barlow) and Tom, a daughter, Anna Lucia, sister for Nicholas.

SOD, GIY. GATENBY-TANKARD - On 26th February 1997, to Jacquelyn and Justin, a second daughter, Daisy Tallulah, a welcome sister for Sestiett HACKING - On March 10th, to

Glies and Sarah (née Jacobs) a beautiful daughter, Marin Mary, a sister for Edward. HOFFIGARE - On 8th March 1997, to Rosalie (née Coombe-Tenhant) and Andre a son, Henry Seranus, Andre, a son, Henry Seranus a brother to Alexander Frederic and Isabel JORDAN - On March 5th, to Lorraine (née Effick) and Keith, a son, Miles William

MURRAY-PHILIPSON - On March 4th, to Noo (afe Mayroleon) and Hylton, a son, Jim Barclay Hylton. OLIVER - On 4th March 1997, to Bead (née Lawes) and Thomas, a son, Charles

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POPOV - On 10th March to Tapia (née Brisby) sad Julian, a son George Michael RICHARDS - On March 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Alicia and Simon, a son, Callum Milo.

gull - On March 6th, to Lucinda (née Dobell) and Marcus, a daughter, Henrietta Constance, a sister for Bory. St. JOHN - On March 7th 1997, to Melanic and John, a daughter, Cella, a sister for William.

BIRTHS INSUES - On 28th February, to Sally-Ann and James, a daughter, Cosima Phoebe, a gister to Bertie, Fraddle and Otto. Thanks to Mick, T.G., Shanon and all the team at

VOAK - On Monday March 10th 1997, to Josethan and Colette (née Townsend), the hirth of a beautiful WHALLEY - On March 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary and Greg, a daughter, Katherine Anne, a sister for Nicholes.

DEATHS

ARMITAGE - Coult Mary Louise died peacefully at Riverside Nursing Home, Sherborne, on March 8th 1997. She on March 8th 1997. She taught at Sharborne School for Giris from 1942-1978 and was House Mistress of Eablistan for many years. Funeral Service at Sherhome Abbey on Tuesday March 18th at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to the Fabric of Sherborne Abbey c/o W.S. Brister & Son Funeral Directors, 100 Leathay Ecoal, Sherborne, Donset DT9 6AG.

MEEVOR - Mary on 8th March. Funetal 10:30 am Monday 17th March at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers by 9:30 am that day to Lamera, 117 Falcon Road, Chaphem Junction (223 5432). BUCKLEY - On March 8th at his

BUCKLEY-On March 8th at his home at Spennithonia, North Forkshire, Lt. Colonel Dayld Letten, retired aged 65 years, late of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. Private family funeral. No flowers please. Donations if desired for Spennithorne Church Fabric Fund clo Sanderson & Co. Funeral Directors, St Marthews Works, Leyburn, North Yorkshire Tulk 5EG. A Memorial Service will be held at \$1 Michael and All Angels Church, Spennithorne, on Saturday April 12th at 2 pm.

DEATHS BROWN - Susan jöma (Sue) died seremaly on 6th March 1997 supported by the love of her friends and faith, upod 49 years. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Ham Commen at 2.15 ym on 17th March 1997 followed by private cremation. No private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to

Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey.

CHEMEVIX-TREMCH - Stella Maris, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with counses and dignity, on Sunday 9th March. Stella was deeply loved by her husband Timothy, her children Patricia, Charles, Feter, David, jonathan, Esharine and Alison, and her sister Wanda and surviving brother Gerald. Stella was beautiful, brave and giving throughout her life and to the end She will be pessionately missed by her husband and all her children, their spouses and her grandchildren, who will forwer rusensher her caring love and the example she set of good and courageous living. Bequism Mass at St. Functs & Sales Church at Wellington Road, Hampton Hill, Middlesex at 9.46 am on Friday 14th March will be followed by private cremation. All flowers welcome of Frederick Paine, Functs Directons, 102 High Street, Teddington, Middlesex. Princess Alice Hospice, Wes End Lane, Esher, Surrey.

EVANS - On Sunday 2nd

EVAMS - On Sunday 2nd March, peacefully in hospital, Iriz Eathleen Hanglet Iriz Eathleen Hanglet Evans of The Combe House, Stonalisy, in her 98th year. Remembered with affection by Irlends and pupils of Giggleswick School, the Cheltenham Ladies College and St Andrew's School, Pangbourne. Gremation at Oxford Crematorhum, 11 am Monday 17th March Memorial Service and disposal of ashes at Thinsumb Church 12 noon Saturday 22nd March Donations, if desired, to Tidmansh Church Funds or to Save the Children, co Howard Chedwick Funeral Service, Clockhouse Cottage, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford OX10 SED.

on March 8th aged 70 years
Evelyn Veronica (née Neale)
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late Colin. Sadly missed by
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GRAMT - Fergus Macrae on March 9th. Much loved husband of Mary. Thanksgiving Service Monday 17th March at 1.30pm, Christ Church, Durley, near Harrogate. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses clo W. Bowers, Birstwith Road, Hampsthwaite, HG3 2EU.

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HAMBLYON - On March 6th
1997, peacefully in New
York City, Ann Twynem
Hamiliton, aged 74 years.

Much lowed by her husband
Leonard Dervent Hamilion
and her three children Jane,
Stephen and Robin, her six
grandchildren, her brother
David Halka, dister Elisabeth
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HERO - Harold, much loved husband of the late joan and of Maggie. Pather of john and Timothy, grandfather of Dominic, James, Jonathan, Matthew, Philip and Thomas. Proud great-grandfather of Sophie (4% weeks). Died with peace and dignity at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester, 10th March 1997, confident in the resurraction and fortified by the rites of the Church, Funeral at St Richard's Church, Chichester 12 noon, Thursday 20th March Family Riowert only, but donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Donnington, Chichester.

LAME - Reginald Joseph (Bex) on March 10th peacefully aged 95, devoted husband to the late Mary Dunbill Lane, much loved stepfather of Eny. He will be sadly missed by his nephows, nieces, stepgrandchildren and their families. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium Tuesday 18th March 3.15pm.

LAMBERTON - Dr. Hugh
Murdoch Lamberton,
peacefully at home on 10th
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Thanksgiving funeral
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flowers - Donations if March 1997. Mourned by Sue, Jon, huma and Poppy, other family and his many friends. The carr is rattled all to pieces, and the long journey is at an end." Thanksgiving funeral service at 2 pm Tuesday 18th March 1997 in Malvern College Chapel, all are welcome. Private cremation will follow. Please, no flowers - Donations if wished payable to 'Action Add - Burundi' uare of The Bursar, Malvern College, Malvern WE14 3DE.

MAKOWER - On March 9th in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow - Charles Sabel Makower MC, aged 87 - much loved husband, father and stepfather. Funeral arrangements private No flowers please.

MALLON - First Secretary of the Royal College of Obsterricians and Gynaecologists, Winefride Ethel Mallon MEH passed away peacefully on 1 th March aged 97. Equiem Mans at St Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Love Lane, Pinner on Wednesdey 19th March at 10 am followed by interment at Pinner New Cemetery. Enquiries to Bradley & Jones, 7 Love Lane, Pinner, Middx. HAS 315 (0181) 866-0088.

MATHIAS - Professor Paul Stuart died suddenly at his home in Brighten on Tuesday 25th February, At his request a private funcial will take place at the Dowes Crematorium on Friedry 14th March, His many friends will be havited to a Dinner to calchante his life which will take place late in May. Domations in Heu of flowers to the British Diabetic Association.

MEMAN - Alired. Composer planist and inspiring teacher on 7th March 1997 after a long Illness. Moch missed by his wife, children and grandchildren and also of flowers, donations to Queen Mary's Hospital, which cared for him so wonderfully, can be sent clo Leverton & Sons Led. 212 Eversholt Street, RWI 180. (Cheques made psyable to "Special Trustees Grant number 476"). The funeral will take place at 11 am on Monday 17th March at Goldens Green Cremstorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11.

Plunker - David Lee, on March 8th, beloved husband of Philippa, much loved father of Emma and Arabeliz, grandfather of Indiana. Bequiem Mass at Holy Trinity, Brook Green, London Wé on Thursday, March 20th at 2 pas. Fendly flowers only. Donations please to Marie Curis Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London \$WIX SQG.

NED - John Alexander, died coursquously but peacefully on March 9th 1997 aged 77. Dearly loved husband of Elleen, father of Linds, Andrew, Christopher and Philip, and grandfather. Formerly with the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, Crowthorne, Beaks Funeral Service 10 am Friday 14th March at Cookham Parish Cemetary. Family flowers only; donations to Parkinson's Disease Society. All enquiries to Berkshire Funeral Services, (01628) 777899.

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VAUGHAN - "Bunty" Edith
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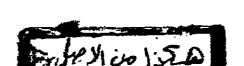
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WILFRED WOOLLER

Wilfred Wooller, Welsh rugby player and cricketer, died on March 10 aged 84. He was born on November 20, 1912.

or half a century Will Wooller was one of the greatest and most col-Welsh sport. He was a rugby international when he was barely 20, and went on to win 18 caps as one of the best threequarters of his day. In cricket he captained Glamorgan for 14 years, taking the club to the county championship for the first time ever in An outstanding allround athlete, he played squash for Wales, and even had a game at centre forward for Cardiff City. He also served Glamorgan as club secretary (and latterly president), spent seven years as an England cricket selector and was an incisive commentator and writer on sport.

Tall and powerfully built,

Wooller was a fearlessly tough competitor. "I have never be-lieved in backing away just because you think you might ger hurt." he once said. This aggressive attitude was evident in everything he did. In rugby he was a tremendous kicker of the ball, and a strong. straight, high-stepping runner with a reputation as a difficult man to stop. In cricket he batted and bowled with stamina and relentless determination; fielding, he would position himself intimidating ly at forward short leg. Off the field, even among friends and admirers, he could be dogmatic in conversation, uncompromising in his views, and impatient with anything (or anyone) he felt was wrong.

At the same time, he was capable of great charm, and untiring in his efforts on behalf of people and causes he believed in. The brittle forcefulness of his personality was almost certainly exacerbated by the three and a half years he spent as a Japanese prisoner of war after being captured while serving with the Royal Artillery in Java in 1942.

Nevertheless, his domineering manner and reluctance to avoid controversy may help to explain why his great contri-bution to sport in Wales was denied the official recognition it deserved.

Wilfred Wooller was born at Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales, and educated or Rydal and Christ's College. Cambridge, where he won Blues for both rugby and cricket. It was while waiting to take up his place at Cambridge that he was first selected to represent his country; he was 20 at the time, but nonetheless attracted enormous publicity and had to endure being dubbed "the schoolboy capped by Wales".

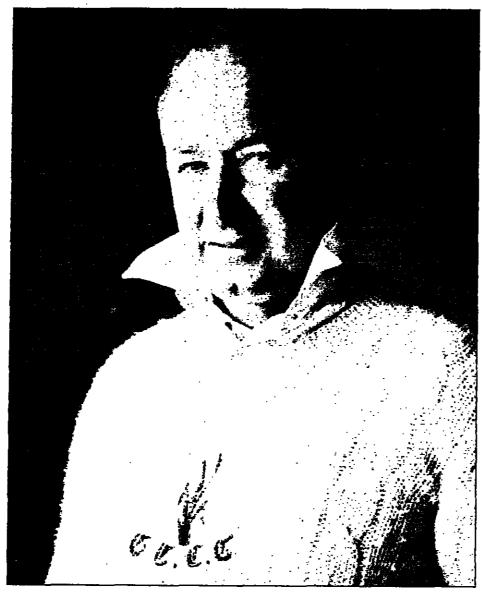
A high-spirited Cambridge undergraduate, he was on one occasion fined £5 by magistrates for damaging a tele-phone kiosk. He was to complain that later generations were being denied the chance to combine academic with sporting achievement as he had; writing in the 1967 Varsity rugby match programme, he protested that the inflexibly high academic entrance level [now] ensures that the greatest number of pimply swots enter Oxford

and Cambridge".

His international debut in 1933 saw Wales beat England at Twickenham for the first time. In the course of his rugby career, he showed, time and again, an ability to turn a match with a prodigious kick or unstoppable run. He

dropped more goals than most tall men, and one score by this method in the 1934 Varsity match, from inside his own half, is still talked about where connoisseurs gather; but he probably owes his rugby immortality, in Wales and beyond, to a lengthy run which brought about the decisive late score that enabled Wales to beat the 1935-36 All Blacks 13-12 at Cardiff.

As a cricketer. Wooller was a useful medium-fast bowler, a hard hitting right-handed batsman, and a brave and tenacious close fieldsman. He played for Denbighshire in 1934 and 1935 before entering



first-class cricket, and made his debut for Glamorgan in 1938, succeeding J. C. Clay as captain in 1947. He took over after a fairly grim period in the club's fortunes, and he inherited a side no more than average in batting and bowling ability; but through exacting and inspirational leader-ship he guided the club to its first county championship the following year.

His competitiveness was not always well received, at least by the opposition. At Trent

Bridge in 1951, his slow batting of gamesmanship, winning an so incensed the Notts captain out-of-court settlement that Reg Simpson that he bowled allowed his wife to install what underarm and appealed for she always referred to as her lbw when Wooller padded up. "Empire News kitchen". On another occasion, noticing that P. B. H. May had strayed

In 1954, at the age of 42, Wooller performed the double of scoring 1,000 runs and taking 100 wickets in a season. He played twice for the Gentlemen at Lord's, and from 1955 served as a Test selector for seven years. Business commitments prevented him from accepting at least two invita-tions to tour with MCC sides; otherwise, he might have captained England around 1950. In his career Wooller scored

13,593 runs at an average of 22,57, took 958 wickets at 26,95 each, and held more than 400 catches. He was one of the toughest and most successful captains in postwar cricket.

After stepping down as captain, and after much initial controversy over remuneration, he remained with Glamorgan as club secretary until 1977. He brought to the job the same mischievous pugnacity he had shown as a player. In 1972 he used the public address system at Swansea to invite spectators to apply for their money back in protest at Somerset's decision to bat on into the afternoon of the second day of a match. The umpire Arthur Fagg once came close to throwing a bowl of soup over Wooller. "I don't care if it costs me my job," he vowed, "I'll never umpire Glamorgan again while that man is secretary."

Wooller's views on most subjects were stoudy conserva-tive and robustly expressed. Sporting links with South Africa were a particular passion: he denounced those who opposed them as "lefties, weirdies and odd bods", and told the Archbishop of Wales. who had threatened to resign his Glamorgan membership if the team played the South Africans, that "it's high time the Church confined itself to spiritual matters which I find sadly lacking in this permis-

Wooller served as a JP, and an active member of several committees at Lord's; he wrote a readable history of Glamor-gan, and reported on sport for The Sunday Telegraph. He was the television commentator when Garry Sobers scored six sixes in an over at Swansea in 1968.

In 1941, Wooller married Lady Gillian Mary Windsor-Clive, daughter of the 2nd Earl of Plymouth. They were di-vorced in 1947, and a year later he married Enid James, who survives him with their three sons and two daughters.

gation. He chose to make

passage to East Africa via Rio

the Atlantic, he said, gave him

the space to practise his sea-

manship. The crossing to

Cape Town took 63 days and

he arrived to find that he and

his yacht had been assumed

skipper for some years in the Seychelles, though he re-

mained all the while doggedly

impervious to the demands of

his clients. But, eventually

wearying of this life, he sailed

his yacht back to the Mediter-

ranean. The journey added yet

another episode to his life of

romantic adventure. He was

attacked and narrowly avoid-

ed capture by pirates in the

Red Sea and was shot at by

In 1985 Coreth finally re-

turned to England, settling in

Suffolk, where he founded

Rhino Rescue. Within ten

years the organisation had

already done much to reverse

the black rhino's charge to-

wards extinction. At the time

of his death Coreth was em-

barking on a project to save

the tiger and the one-horned

rhino in India, a task which

his son, Mark, now hopes to

Arabs.

Coreth worked as a charter

de Janeiro and Cape Town -

PROFESSOR L. C. KNIGHTS

L. C. Knights, King Edward VII Professor of English Literature in the University of Cambridge, 1965-73. died on March 8 aged 90. He was born on May 15, 1906.

THROUGH his teaching and through his writings, especially on Shakespeare, and on Jacobean drama, L.C. Knights exercised a civilising influence on students of literature over a 40-year career. Books such as the early Drama and Society in the Age of Jonson (1937) became, and remained, standard critical works.

But he has his specific niche in the history of English studies as one of the founder editors of the critical quarterly Scrutiny, through which F. R. Leavis and his disciples exerted such a powerful influence on English studies from 1932 onwards. Indeed, though Leavis was its guiding spirit, the title of the magazine is thought to have been suggest-ed by one of Knights's spontaneous utterances.

When, late in 1931, the group of young men who surrounded Leavis met at his Cambridge home to consider the foundation of a magazine that would focus a minority scrutiny upon contemporary civilisation". Knights ex-claimed: "Scr-r-r-utiny! I like that!" When, in the following May, the new periodical was launched, with Knights as a co-editor, its full title was Scrutiny, a Quarterly Review.

Knights continued to be involved with Scrutiny for the 20 years of its existence. But he had none of the inbuilt acerbi-ty of Leavis himself and in later years declined to participate in the internecine ideolog-ical skirmishing which made Cambridge English such a scorched-earth battlefield in the 1960s.

Yet his own famous early

essay How Many Children Had Lady Macbeth? was one of the opening salvoes in the battle against the critical habits of mind which were rife in the universities of the early 1930s - habits of mind which owed more to the 19th century than to the 20th. As an approach to Shakespeare it took issue particularly with A. C. Bradley, whose Shake-spearean Tragedy had been the staple study for school and university students since its appearance in 1904. Shakespeare's plays, maintained Knights, in an approach that was thereafter to become familiar, were dramatic poems, symbolic organisms, and not collections of characters whom we might regard much as we did recently deceased acquaintances. The essay was given as a lecture before being published as a pamphlet by

Lionel Charles Knights was the son of a civil engineer and came, like Leavis, of East Anglian stock, though his East Anglia was small-town Grantham, not the cultural Cambridge of Leavis's upbringing. From the local grammar school, he went to Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he read History and then English, graduating with first-class honours in 1928. He spent a short time teaching but returned as Ade<u>lai</u>de Stoll Bachelor Fellow at Christ's

the Minority Press at Cam-

bridge in 1933.

He had already met Leavis. and he now gravitated towards the group of like-minded young critics that surrounded him. He co-edited the first issue of Scrutiny with Donald Culver, Leavis at that time preferring to remain in the background (for certain obvious reasons; his just-published New Bearings in English Poetry could scarcely have been reviewed in Scrutiny with any appearance of impartiality had he been editor).

til the magazine's closure in

1953. How Many Children

Knights remained on Scrutiny's editorial board un-

Had Lady Macheth? was to remain his best known contribution to the Scrutiny group's attack on established critical methods. But, inevitably, as many of its founding team of writers began themselves to take university posts, Scrutiny was less able convincingly to sustain its claim to be independent of academia. As the footnotes began to proliferate it, too, came to resemble yet another academic periodical. What had started out as a battle between young "inde-pendents" and the Establishment came increasingly to look like academic infighting. with all its accompanying sour

intolerance. In 1933 Knights took up a lectureship at Manchester University, which he retained till 1947. In 1936 he was awarded a Cambridge PhD for the work which was published as Drama and Society in the Age of Jonson. The book firmly established his

reputation.
In 1947 he was appointed to the Chair of English at Sheffield and in 1954 moved to the Winterstoke Chair of English at Bristol. Finally, in 1965 he returned to Cambridge to the King Edward VII Chair of English and was also elected a Fellow of Queens' College.



From then until (and after) his retirement in 1973 he held a number of visiting professorships abroad.

Knights's later publications included Explorations: Essays in Literary Criticism (1964); Shakespeare's Politics (British Academy Annual Shakespeare Lecture, 1957); An Approach to Hamlet (1960); Further Explorations (1965): Hamlet and Other Shakespeare Essays (1979) and Selected Essays in Criticism

Although the brilliant beginnings of the reformed English Tripos at Cambridge, and the influence of that exciting period shaped his subsequent work, Knights also shared the interest in social background that was subsequently developed by E. M. W. Tillyard and Basil Willey. He worked on the borderlands of history. philosophy and literature; though associated with Scrutiand influenced I. A. Richards and William Empson, his own work bore a distinctive stamp.

He did not enjoy controversy and, though he was deeply committed to liberal causes in politics, his natural kindness and goodwill kept him from personal polemics. As time went on he drew away from Leavis (or perhaps, more accurately, "the Master" cut his old collaborator out of his life). Leavis loved the smell of blood. Knights shrank from his former mentor's aggression and the needless pain it

As a lecturer and teacher Knights was outstanding. He could always hold an audi-ence. At Berkeley during a student strike he successfully drew student crowds to an offcampus chapel. Always ready to listen and to share the plans and aspirations of his pupils, he encouraged the diffident and was generous in praise of their efforts.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, a son and a daughter.

COUNT MAURICE CORETH

Count Maurice Coreth, founder of Rhino Rescue. died of an aortic aneurism on February 11. aged 67. He was born on August 21, 1929.

LIKE the hero of some schoolboy novel, Count Maurice Coreth lived a life of romantic adventure. He was a dashing horseman, a skilled big-game hunter and an intrepid sailor. But it is for the work he did in the latter years of his life that he will remain best known.

He, like many hunters, admired and respected the animals which he tracked and killed. When, after many siyears wandering the bush in Africa and sailing the waters of the Indian Ocean, he re-

turned to Britain he founded Rhino Rescue, an organisation concerned with the conservation of the black rhino. This

magnificent, powerful, prehistoric animal was on the brink of extinction. In 1970 a population of 20,000 still survived in Kenya Only 15 years later, when Rhino Rescue was formed. a mere 300 remained.

Combining a single-minded dedication to the cause with a winning charm and energetic fund-raising, he focused world attention on the plight of the black rhino. A sanctuary was established in Kenya and tough new anti-poaching operations were set up there and in Zimbabwe and Namibia. If the black rhino has a future it will be due more to Coreth than almost anyone else.

Count Maurice Rudolf Coreth von und zu Coredo und Starkenberg was the scion of a noble family. His grandmother was born to the princely house of Stolberg and his father was an Austrian noble-

man who married an English wife. Exiled from his country after the Nazi occupation, his father was never to return.

Coreth was brought up in Eastbourne and educated at Downside. He was just ten years old on the outbreak of the Second World War but, showing early signs of an intrepid spirit, he and a friend stole the headmaster's bicycle and set off for Exeter to enlist. They sheltered for a night on the way in a chicken coop. reaching the recruiting office the next day. The enlistment officer asked him which regiment he wished to sign up "The Blues," Coreth's immediate reply.

'I'm very fond of ponies.' Coreth was, indeed, rather more passionate about horses than he was about his education. He endured rather than enjoyed the discipline of

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the age of 21, became Master of the Wilton. He was also a skilled showjumper and a courageous steeplechaser and later in his life he was to win the Kenya Grand Nat-

His National Service was spent in the Intelligence Corps but, though he was fluent in three languages — English, German and French — he was posted to Yorkshire where he reluctantly remained. There, however, he indulged his love of hunting. His horses took up most of his time, and the cost of running a pack of foxhounds took up most of his inheritance as well. Coreth first went to Africa

when a friend, then a district commissioner in Sierra Leone, invited him over to help to shoot marauding elephants which were molesting villagers. It was to be the beginning of a long love affair with that continent.

Coreth hecame a big-game hunter, licensed to cull and control. He was proud to be the first private sports hunter to be invited to become an honorary member of the professional hunters' association. Coreth went on safaris, usually alone, over much of sub-Saharan Africa, and ended up settling in the Subukia Valley of Kenya where he ran a farm and might happily have stayed had not his land been compulsorily "acquired" by the post-independence Gov-

ernment. Finding his lifestyle increasingly, and for him intolerably, restricted. Coreth decided to take to the seas instead. He bought a 50lt ketch. Fandango, in France, and set off for Kenya in it. despite the fact that he had attended only night-school courses in navi-

Although utterly committed to his work, Coreth also enjoyed a gregarious life, relishing the company of his many and varied friends. He remained to the end a generous host, erudite, but an excellent raconteur and always with a

keen sense of the ridiculous. He is survived by his wife Jenny née Elwes, whom he married in 1957 and who was his constant partner in his voyages and adventures, and by their three sons and their daughter.

THE NEW CAMPANILE OF ST MARK'S, VENICE

(From a correspondent) Venice, March 6.

When the old Campanile of St. Mark's cultanged on July 14, 1902, after an existence of 1.014 years, the general feeling, at least among the people of Venice, was that the tower must go up again: the affections, traditions and sentiments of the Venetians were too intimately bound up with their Campanile to permit them to acquiesce in its disappearance. This feeling found expression in the remark of the present Pope - Venetian of the Venetians "The manca el paron di casa," "The master of the house is gone," and in the cry of a Venetian horiman. "Co passo co la barca par el molo mi struca el cuor, bisogna che varda da Zan Zurzi." "When I row along by the quay there's a stab at my heart, and I have to turn away and look at San Giorgio." Unlike the Campanite, the Loggetta is not being rebuilt: though shattered by the fall of the tower, its fragments were not ground to powder, and now, by a triumph of patience, labour and intelligence, the graceful building has been picced together, and Sansovino's masterpiece will once more decorate the base of the

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There was some opposition to the rebuilding - the cognoscenti declared that St Mark's gained by the absence of the "square, ungainly, ponderous tower". Fortunately, popular feeling won the day

Campanile. The same patient care has been bestowed on Sansovino's terra-cotta group of the Madonna and Child with St. John, which occupied the interior of the Loggetta. The statue has been most successfully recomposed, with the unfortunate exception of the St. John, which is past mending. Of the five bells of S. Marco, the great bell alone escaped destruction. Thanks to the munificence of Pope Pius whose effigy and autograph are reproduced on them, the other four bells were refounded at S. Elena, and are now waiting the completion of the bell-chamber. Each bell bears the following inscription: " + Sanctus Deus, Sanctus Fortis, Sanctus et Immortalis

which answers to the "et Deus Homo." deeply carved on the pedestal of the balustrade in the bell-chamber. A new inscription has been added, recording, in the case of the great bell, that it remained "ex immani ruina ... mire integrum," and, in the case of the second bell, that it and its three brothers were relounded at the charges of the Pope. When the bells were finished they were brought into the yard at the foot of the Campanile in order to be tuned; and on a bright, breezy morning one day last spring a strange little episode took place. I had just entered the Piazza when from behind the hoarding at the Campanile's base came the music of chimes. Instantly from lip to lip ran the cry: "The bells of San Marco!"; the news flew down the Merceria, along the Molo and the Riva: everybody began to run, and in a few seconds the Piazza was full of an eager crowd The peals came louder and faster, then stopped dead. It turned out afterwards that the men told off to ring the bells got quite out of hand, and refused to cease until the police intervened. It was hoped that the bells might be up in time to ring for Easter this year; that is quite out of the question; but by St. Mark's Day. April 25, 1911, we shall certainly hear them peal, and the work on the Campanile will be completed well within that year.

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Holocaust homework: we all must do it

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ed to unleash was anti-Semitism. I had mentioned that Wax, a sharp comic in the American-Jewish tradition, could do better with her BBC series than make jokes about tits, burns and stretch marks. For this I was rewarded with an anonymous letter commenting: "Wax is typically Jewish, always anxious to make money out of sex

whether in the media, the arts or medicine." Was this any uglier than another, from an agnostic Jew from an Orthodox family in north London? "A congratulatory thank-you for your splendid piece on Ruby Wax - the personification of the worst kind of Jewish vulgarity." This letter had the virtue of a signature, an address and an assurance of best wishes. I wonder what this reader will make of tonight's A Jewish Wedding on BBC2, which stresses the very un-English, noisy and conspicuous consumption side of

the Jewish way of marriage. Now about 750,000 people buy The Times every day, so it stands to reason that there will be the occasional anti-Semite among them. But it was a shock to be reminded so bluntly that the dark undercurrent still flows strong.
A quick look around, however,

shows that for many people, the world is still divided into Jew and non-Jew. A German journalist's reference to "the Jew Rifkind" makes headlines. The Washington Post gets a great scoop by re-

vealing that the American Secretary of State is not only Jewish but did not know that she had three grandparents who died in the Holocaust. Is Madeleine Albright guilty of the great

sin of trying to conceal her Jewishness? Is the Swiss banking system built on the rock of unclaimed Jewish gold? Should it be a crime to deny the Holocaust?

The Holocaust is news. This hideous event demands not mere celebration like the other Second World War anniversaries but a willingness, for young and old, to face new facts too horrific and too scattered to be understood when the camps were opened in 1945.

Yet humankind cannot bear very much reality, said T.S. Eliot, himself accused, by the lawyer Anthony Julius in a recent book. of literary anti-Semitism of the fashionable prewar kind. The temptation to look away is very strong. In Washington last month 1 found friends who, connoisseurs of museums in that city of museums, had not yet got around to the new Holocaust Museum. I paid a call, overdue. I have visited Munich without finding time for a trip out to Dachau. In Jerusalem, I was given a choice of the Holocaust Museum or the Via Dolorosa. Guess which I chose.

My particular motive in Washington was to try to answer a charge made to me in London by a Polish emigre from the 1930s

Then I wrote criticising Ruby Wax last month, the last thing I expect-concentration camps long before the end of concentration camps long before the end of the war but had refused to print it. At the Holocaust Museum (where the exhibition has been arranged with great care in order that a visit should not be a devastating experience) there was video archive proof that some major American dailies had indeed carried early news of the Nazi mass extermination plans.

Overall, it seemed that the American press acquitted itself more honourably than the US State Department. The department was described in the exhibition's displayed texts as anti-Semitic a background that makes the Jewishness of today's Secretary of State all the more important.

How unwelcoming Britain was to the How unwelcoming britain was to the same group is shown in another recent book, Red Mother, Pink Daughter, by Silvia Rodgers, wife of Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank in the late 1930s and early 1940s, a hard-

hearted Home Office was no keener than the State Department was, in a time of mass unemployment, to let in a flood of refugees such as her family from Berlin.

Current talk in some countries of making denial of the Holocaust a crime is nonsense. This would be as much a violation of free speech as forbidding the assertion that HIV does not lead to Aids. But there is no need of a ban. There is too much Holocaust legacy around.

Take the current film box-office hit Shine, the story of the mentally ill Australian pianist. David Helfgott, who recovered sufficiently to resume his concert career. American Jews, reported The New York Times last week, are seeing this film entirely differently from non-Jews. The latter tend to take it as a heartwarming tale of triumph over handicap and redemption through love. But Jews see it rather as the story of a Holocaust victim once removed. In this light, David's father, having survived the camps where many of his relatives, as David madly joked "got concentrated", goes to inhuman lengths to drive his son to be a survivor, thus destroying him.

or all generations, the Holocaust is unfinished homework. The object is not so much how to prevent it happening again because it has happened again, in Cambodia. Bosnia and Rwanda. Rather, the assignment is to ask ourselves how much we are all guilty of the casual slurs that dehumanise an entire group. The joke about "bog-brained Murphies" in Channel 4's Brass Eye last week shows that the Thick Mick is still good for a laugh.

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US Vogue plucks Plum

BRITAIN'S dominance of New York's fashion scene will be boosted by the arrival of Plum Sykes at American Vogue. Sykes, who has written for British Vogue for the past four years, was persuaded to move to New York by Anna Wintour, the British Editor of American Vogue.
There was little that Alexan-

dra Shulman, the Editor of British Vogue, could do to stop her. Sykes has a higher profile and Condé Nast's titles in Europe simply cannot compete with the wages paid by its American counterparts. While overseeing fashion editorial. Sykes will not be deprived of English accents. Brits such as the editor-at-large. Hamish Bowles, work at American Vogue. And her sister Lucy works on Town & Country and dates Toby Young, a columnist in New York for London's Evening Standard.

● Paul Spike's purge at Punch, where he has just been made Editor, continues apace, with Julie Burchill the latest victim. Last week, Sir



Peregrine Worsthorne was bumped off the mag, where he had only just settled. Now the acerbic Burchill, who has served gallantly as television critic, is for the chop. Into her place for the time being beetles the familiar figure of the former Spectator Editor and columnist for hire, Alexander Chancellor.

Blank screen

AFTER more than a year of preparation, the BBC has abandoned plans to set up an independent film company. BBC Films Ltd. Industry

observers put the collapse of the idea down to departmental jealousies"

The decision has disappointed Charles Denton, the Beeb's respected former drama head, who has spent the past year as a consultant, ad-vising the BBC on the films plan. He says: "I am very sorry about this decision. which I feel is bizarre. The common-sense, business and creative arguments in favour of a separate film company all seemed to have been accept-ed." He adds that the BBC's plan now to merge its films production arm into the single

drama department is equally baffling. "Making theatrical leature films is," he says. wholly different from making television drama."

Now that he has nothing on which to advise the BBC, Denton will leave the corporation on April I. So who will head the newly merged films/single drama department: Mark Shivas, head of BBC film, or David Thompson, acting head of single drama?

Decoding Scots

BBC Scotland's drama about a small-town local copper, Hamish Macbeth, which returns for a third series on Sunday, was an instant hit with Australian viewers when the first two series were screened Down Under last year.

Debates were held on nat-ional television and radio over whether the series should have subtitles for those not familiar with Scottish accents. A Wee Jock Appreciation Society was formed and a Hamish Macbeth site was set up on the Internet for fans worldwide to catch up on the latest news from Lochdubh.

● Chris Evans, named Radio Personality of the Year at the Television and Radio Industries Club annuai awards yesterday. failed to collect his prize.

The former Radio J kost arrived late at London's Grosvenor House Hotel with fellow bad boys Danny Bak-er. late of Radio 5 Live, and Paul Gascoigne, The trio. who had been having a few-pints (that much was obsious), suddenly remembered they had to be at the awards As soon as they arrived, they thought better of it and left. Charming.

What a card

THE loyalty card scheme pioneered by supermarkets is having unexpected success among Radio 5 listeners When Sainsbury's laimched its scheme. Eddie Mair joked on his Midday with Mair-show that he was planning his own card for dedicated lister. ers. The station was swamped with applications. Realising he had better deliver the goods, the presenter's team arranged benefits for cardholders. These include 10 per cent off a meal in Adelaide (yes, in Australia) and £2 offany journey costing more than £10 from one game taxi driver

in Cardiff. Chris Birkett, Mair's editor, says: "It was just an off-thecuff remark by Eddie, but now we have 1,000 cardholders and are holding our first cardholders convention in Manchester this month.

Industry fights 'threats'

ADVERTISERS ceremoniously threw down the gauntlet to politicians and media owners yesterday in an unprecedented display of collective power at the annual conference of their trade association, the Incorporated Society of

British Advertisers (ISBA).
The gathering of more than 100 client companies ranging from Procter Gamble to Bass Brewers, with a combined media spend of £1.5 billion. vowed to "unleash their latent power" - the title, in fact, of the conference and to club together in the face of possible increasing threats from EU consumer groups and the Labour Party. Under threat is their freedom to advertise alcohol and tobacco, and products directed at children, coupled with the increasing cost of buying

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CHILDREN'S tastes, it seems, are even more unpredictable than ever and particularly when it comes to advertisements.

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The study, carried out on behalf of

its youth-oriented clients, including Nintendo, is aimed at boosting their access to the spending power of schoolchildren. According to industry estimates, the consumers of the future already have a frightening £9.6 billion at their disposal annually - and a further £8.4 billion through "pester power" of their parents.

ONE 2 ONE, the mobile phone company, has picked up the theme of its campaign starring Kate Moss and John McCarthy by carrying out a nationwide poll of who people would most like to have a "One 2 One" with.

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*Why the press is out of tune with the world of pop

Nigel Williamson examines the newspaper coverage of pop stories and, below, Brian MacArthur analyses the effect they have on circulation

eople who cannot write, talking to people with nothing to say for people who cannot read, was Frank Zappa's contemptuous definition of rock journalism. Yet pop music is now regarded by editors of serious newspapers as a vital ingredient in the circulation war. Even The Daily Telegraph, which for long only wrote about pop in terms of its brain-rotting effect on the nation's youth, praises the new Blur album.

As Mat Snow, editor of the monthly music magazine Mojo, says: "The broadsheets think pop sells newspa-pers to young readers because it offers froth and excitement and creates a sense of instant drama." Yet a survey of broadsheet cover-

suggests that while arts pages now devote more space to and ballet, editors appear to have put little effort into pop coverage on their

news pages.
"The broadsheets simply chase the tabloids and write the same stories acts," says Lee Ellen Newman, head of press at East-West Records. This was clearly evident in the coverage last month of the on-off wedding of Liam Gallagher and the dress sense of the Spice Girls at the Brit awards. But even with these two contrived media events, the survey shows that The Guardian's news pages devoted only 209 column inches to pop over the

The Times 164 inches and The Daily even-trying 104 inches. Some traditional readers pages when Jerry Garcia died, and complain that even this is too much. they all knew about Sweet. But when But for an industry obsessed with the pursuit of younger readers, it seems

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pendent 170 inches,

negligently careless. Mark Borkowski, an independent PR noted for his sharp eye for a news story, says: "Broadsheets say they from Radio 1. Another admitted to want pop stories, but they are really struggling to keep up. They don't

break stories. They wait for others." News editors do not know where to turn when their marketing departments tell them that pop music sells papers. No broadsheet newsroom employs a pop correspondent, relying instead on overstretched arts writers

who have neither the time nor the inclination to read NME or listen to Radio 1. The Times has Caitlin Moran, who writes a "voice of youth" column about the artists likely to be riding the next wave, yet she is a freelance columnist, not a staff

There are signs that the broadsheets are beginning to recognise their inadequacies. The Guardian's front-page story about the Gallagher-Kensit wedding purported to be by its "showbusiness correspondent". The paper has no such post and rumour has it that the "correspondent" was editor Alan Rusbridger.

Many of the pop stories which struggle onto the news pages seem to have one thing in common - the failure of the artists

concerned to produce a decent record in years. Boy George and Gary Glitter were among those considered newsworthy by the broadsheets last month. Most of the artists shifting huge quantities at Our Price were not and the Spice Girls are only an exception because no excuse to use a picture of them is too gratuitous.

The death of Bri-

an Connolly of Sweet was widely

covered as a news

story and he also

made the lead obitu-

ary in all of the

broadsheets except

The Daily Tele-

latest in the list of

rock stars shuffling

prematurely off the

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and providing a reg-

ular supply of good

copy. Yet even here

editors frequently

get it wrong. As pop publicist Richard

Gary Glitter: old news



Wootton points out: "Newspapers filled Kurt Cobain of Nirvana committed suicide, no one in Fleet Street seemed to understand the significance."

One news editor had to ask who from Radio 1. Another admitted to never having heard of the Spice Girls before their Spectator interview.

A different story emerges when we turn to the arts and review pages. Our survey showed that The Guardian and The Independent (both of which have regular weekly pop sections) leading the way with 1,736 and 1,652 column inches. The Times



Kurt Cobain of Nirvana: critics of the quality press say that newsdesks missed the significance of his suicide

was stuck in the middle with 1.235 in Andy Gill they have one of the is always interesting," says Snow. inches, while *The Daily Telegraph* most astute commentators, who often Most of the names commanding trailed with 806 inches - including a piece warning parents that 90 per cent of pop stars smoke manijuana.

straw poll of music indusprofessionals elicited high praise for the standard of writing among the critics, coupled with serious criticisms of all four broadsheets. "The Guardian is too ready to follow the weekly pop papers. It feels like a slightly desperate attempt to be with it," says Snow. Borkowski and Snow both felt The Independent lacked direction. "But

spots things others miss," says

equally well-regarded - "the most authoritative," in Snow's judgment. Mode were typical subjects. But The Times suffers badly by not having a dedicated pop section." says Wootton, a view widely echoed, although the diet of live reviews and strong pop features in the magazine are seen as partial compensation.

The Daily Telegraph is the joker in the pack. "They will never understand pop music, so they allow their critics to set their own agendas which

space in the broadsheets enjoyed their greatest success in other David Sinclair of The Times is decades - Donovan, Bruce Springsteen, Aerosmith, U2 and Depeche Snow defends the slant.

'Springsteen and Donovan, simply because they have a history and a depth and a set of influences, have a more interesting story to tell than the latest teen craze and it is a story readers in their forties want to read." ● Nigel Williamson is a former news editor of The Times and is now a freelance

Too much choice can be a turn-off

Satellite TV is taking its toll on family viewing, says Milly Jenkins

The traditional living room of a nuclear family, with two parents and 2.2 children watching their favourite prosoon be a thing of the past. New evidence suggests

nuclear families in Britain is beginning to affect TV viewing habits. As the number of channels proliferates, there is growing conflict in many households about what to watch. The result is that families are watching less, while non-nuclear households watch more.

With as many as 200 new satellite channels coming on stream, the television industry will be looking at this research with some anxiety. Audience researcher David

Graham will be presenting his findings at this vision Show, the annual industry gathering. His research

shows that the nuclear family with access to only four terrestrial channels will still watch TV together. But

once they have access to many more chan-nels, they fight about who chooses the programme and end up watching less. "If, say, one member of the family takes over the family set and watches the football on satellite, the others who don't like football will drift off," says Graham. "They may drift off to watch something else on another set. But what seems to be happening is that they go off and do something completely different."

The drop in average weekly viewing figures continues to fall every year. In 1992 the average person watched nearly 27 hours of television a week. By 1996 that had dropped to 25.

Those households watching the most TV are the ones with the least amount of conflict: Britain's growing number of single households and young couples. The interpretation of that is that when they're young, couples enjoy and watch the same things," says Graham.
"But older married couples do not. They watch in different rooms.

Sheila Byfield, media development director of Ogilvy & Mather, is heading a research project into the impact of new technology on households. She agrees that there is a move away from family viewing. "It's mostly dictated by time. There are time segments when children dominate. At other times people make appointments to view Coronation Street. But if nothoften seems to be a male decision. Men tend to con-

trol the remote control. More than two-thirds of British households have two or more TV sets. Extra sets are mostly located in bedrooms, with 12 per cent in the kitchen. More than half of 10 to 15-year-olds have TVs in their bedrooms. The Independent Television Commission's (ITC) annual report. Television: The Pub-

lic's View, gives some indication 'Households of the taste differwatching the likely to watch most TV are news, current affairs, comedy those with and sport.

the least

conflict'

Women soaps, health pop programme and sitcoms get the highest

children's ratings. David Graham's research shows that the biggest di-vide in tastes are generational. Families with teenagers are the most likely to be at war over programme choice. "They may be very choosy, maybe just watching ER and Friends," says Graham.

hen there is con-flict about what to watch, computers and games consoles have become an important alternative option for children. Older family members

are also being lured away from the TV by computers. According to The Henley Centre's Media Futures survey for 1997-98, the Internet is slowly beginning to displace TV viewing time.

But David Docherty, the BBC's director of strategy and channel development. helieves that families will go on watching prime-time terrestrial TV together for another 15 years.

And David Graham says: Prime channels are the focus of conversation People want to see the new Birds of a Feather and talk about it in the bus queue."

There was plenty about the Spice Girls in The Sun and The Mirror yesterday but only three newspapers featured Britain's most famous pop group on the front page. They were the Daily Mail, the Daily Star and The Guardian.

Along with a puff for its education section and a lead story on John Major attacking Tony Blair. The Guardian was plugging a two-page special in its daily tabloid on Spice, the final frontier". A Spice Girl wrapped in the Union flag dominated a front cover featuring six "Spicey" soundbites.

There was a time when The Guardian would not have considered the Spice Girls

Not such a dumb idea

within its editorial remit. Nor would The Times. The Daily Telegraph or The Independent, all of which now do (see above). Yet the idea was suggested by the Guardian economics editor, Larry Elliott, who helped to write the story, and was greeted enthu-siastically by colleagues, especially those with children.

There is a reason for this significant change in editorial attitudes and it is contained in the four words which have suddenly entered the cultural vocabulary in 1997. Note them. They are Dumbing



Down" and "Dumbing Up". They have started to crop up in any discussion about newspapers and whether they can survive and flourish into the 21st century against 24-hour news channels, instant Internet news

and a young generation that allegedly no longer finds newspapers relevant.

As one newspaper analyst strived recently to explain why sales of the serious broadsheets were increasing when sales of mass market tabloids were falling, he suggested that editors had dumbed down to dumb up". What this meant in English was that they were reporting on pop stars, diets and health, and expanding sport sections so that their newspapers attracted new readers from the tabloids - or young readers who were interested in pop as well as politics - instead of confining their natural constituencies to Parliament and

current affairs. As the Audit Bureau of Circulations report for February demonstrates, they are succeeding and Britain is becoming one of the few countries in the world where sales of serious newspapers

are rising. Year-on-year sales of the three mass market daily tabloids were down by almost 265,000 last month. Yet sales of the broadsheets rose by almost 140,000, with The Times and The Daily Telegraph up significantly and The Guardian and I'l (ncither offering readers reduced cover prices) only marginally down in a fiercely competitive market. The biggest increase of 116,000 — was achieved by the Daily Mail which also believes in good, strong reads.

The same trend is occurring

on Sunday is the only tabloid up on a year ago, with the broadsheets up by 240,000.

Study which newspapers have increased their share of the total national newspaper market and they are the daily and Sunday papers from the Times, Telegraph and Mail groups as well as The Guardian and the FT (even though their sales were slightly down). QED.

ABC reports are usually published on the second Friday of the month. Connoisseurs of newspapers enjoy the monthly "puffs" that follow on Saturday, Sunday or Monday boasting of successes — but never of failures. All of the following are true:

● The highest year-on-year percentage increase among daily newspapers was achieved by The Times (1).6 per cent. following a 9 per cent year-on-year increase a year ago). The Daily Mail, which a year ago was up by 281,000 on 1995, rose by another 116,000 year-on-year last month. After launching a subscrip-

tion offer of seven days of Telegraphs for £1, The Daily Telegraph was up by 91,970 on the year - though Times managers point out the Febru-ary sale included 63,800 at reduced prices (against 17.900 for The Times) and sales at full price fell by 28,000 on

 The same subscription offer boosted The Sunday Telegraph to the highest sales increase - up by 231,000 (35 per cent) - of any national newspaper. That included 139,930 sold at reduced rates Full price sales fell by 28,000 against January.

Over the past six months The Sunday Times, which outselfs the Telegraph and Observer combined, has hit its highest sale since 1982.

 With a voucher promotion. both The Independent and Independent on Sunday increased sales last month but year-on-year sales of both remain down by 9 per cent.

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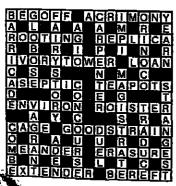
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Solution to Puzzle No 20,424



Tighter rules for meat hygiene

■ The Government promised tougher action against rogue abattoirs and failing meat inspectors last night amid allegations that ministers had been warned several times about a "potential timebomb" of declining hygiene standards.

NEWS

Forty-five hygiene service employees have been disciplined, with three being dismissed, for failing to follow rules aimed at minimising the risk of "mad cow" disease...

Carey supports Palestinian state

■ The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, attacked the right-wing Israeli Government's plans to build a new Jewish settlement in occupied Arab east Jerusalem and backed the idea of a Palestinian statethe spiritual leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans echoed the Pope's condemnation last Sunday of plans to build homes for 32,000 Jews Pages 1, 10

Almost 100 pro-European MPs, including former 17 Tory ministers, launch a fresh assault on Eurosceptic opponents with a strong defence of Britain's membership of the European

Asylum appeal

An asylum seeker who survived a ten-hour ordeal in the wheel bay of jumbo jet which killed his brother is to appeal against the Government's refusal to grant him refuge... ...Page I

Workers' rights lost Contract workers in hospitals,

councils and other services could lose employment rights after the European Court challenged previous guarantees ..

Fishing tragedies

Fishing communities in Arbroath, Angus, and St Ives, Cornwall, were in mourning as seven men were feared dead in separate accidents...

Paper mountain

Cabinet ministers were told that the ever-growing archives of government papers and documents should be cut back to save the taxpayer £7 million Page 4

'Bogus' transfer deal The chairman of Wigan Rugby

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Pro-Europe campaign Company university

British Aerospace is planning to set up its own university because it cannot recruit the skilled graduates it needs from existing .. Page 6 institutions.

Summer blues

The hot, dry summer of 1995 had a huge impact on the economy and our way of life. The number of fires soared: the fertility of pigs and chickens fell; and tourism did not benefit. .Page 7

Doctor struck off Patrick Ngosa, 39, the gynaecologist at the centre of an HIV scare involving 1,700 women was struck off by the General Medical Council.

Palace gardens Such is the state of President

Mobutu's prestige these days that hungry Zaireans have planted cassava shrubs in the lawn of his marble palace... Page 10

Albania fighting Residents in the home town of

President Berisha broke into stores and swore to defend the President, the first sign that fighting could erupt across Albania's North-South divide Page 12

Yeltsin's knife

President Yeltsin dismissed almost his entire Government, leaving only Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and his newly appointed first deputy, to draw up a new list Page 14

Greatest show above Earth

■ Comet Hale-Bopp is providing a brilliant show as one of the best comets of the century, clearly visible round the world in the morning and evening skies. Terry Platt, an amateur astronomer from Bracknell, Berkshire, who photographed the comet at 4am, says that it is easily visible with the naked eye and comparable to the brightest stars



Splendid spring weather brought out the largest crowds for the first day of the Cheltenham Festival. Pages 42, 43, and 48

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Rugby union: Austin Healey, of Leicester, will replace Andy Gomarsall, of Wasps, at scrum half in the England team to meet Wales in

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Football: Newcastle's impetus is faltering, while a team built excessively on going forward is trying to be something it is not in terms of defensive solidarity Page 44 Cricket: Ken Hopkins, the new

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Primary class: Nigella Lawson describes the dilemma for middleclass parents seeking a school for their children and how two families

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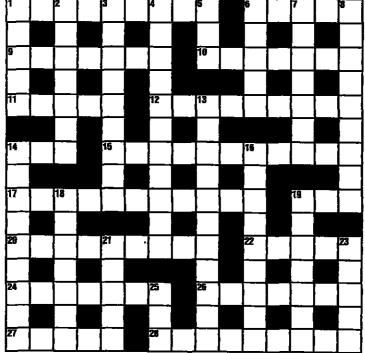
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later it should again be dry and bright. Eastern and central Scotland may have a misty start. This will clear during the morning as cloud and outbreaks of showery rain cross from Northern Ireland, but later, away from the west, it will again be dry and bright.

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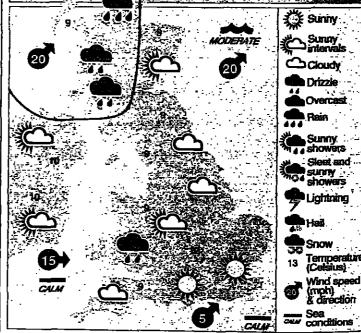
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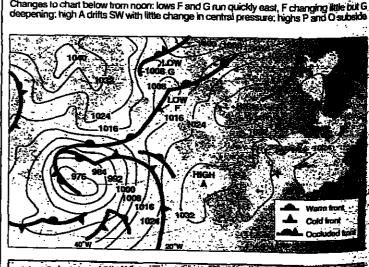
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Former Barings chief removed from SFA register and ordered to pay costs

Hopkins 'not fit to be director'



ENKINS.

A CITY watchdog yesterday imposed one of the stiffest penalties yet on a Barings executive charged with supervising Nick Leeson's rogue trades on the Far East money

Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures traders, declared that Ian Hopkins, the former head of group treasury and risk at the merchant bank, had "ceased to be a fit and proper person to be registered with the SFA as a director". Mr Hopkins was removed from the register of

to pay £10,000 towards costs.

Mr Hopkins, who "totally"

rejected the SFA's findings and said he regretted "the gratuitously vindictive terms in which they are expressed", is one of only two former Barings' directors to be de-clared not "fit and proper". The other executive to suffer a similar stigma was Geoffrey Broadhurst, previously head of group finance.

The SFA took the unprecedented step of issuing a sixpage notice of the disciplinary proceedings against Mr Hopkins, including a summary of the tribunal findings against him. The former Barings di-

Trade and Industry to have him disqualified from acting as a company director, did not attend the three-day tribunal hearing in January, and did not submit a defence. Mr Broadhurst suffered the same 'not lit and proper" person ruling because he ignored the

SFA procedures altogether. The City watchdog decided that Mr Hopkins should be the subject of a tribunal hearing, rather than an arbitrary ruling, hecause he had written numerous letters to the SFA setting out his position. He also made a number of public

The SFA has now disciplined nine former Barings directors who did nothing to stem the bank's capital flowing out to support Leeson's trades. All the SFA prosecutions in the Barings affair have now been concluded except the case of Ron Baker who is appealing against a reprimand and an order to

pay £7,500 in costs. Mr Hopkins has been regarded as the "whistleblower" in the Barings case for the memos he wrote and the issues he raised about the continuous cash calls. He said

as a result of the concerns he raised within the bank, and outside, he was dismissed senior position." from the Barings Investment Banking Group Management

oldest merchant bank crashed with debts of £830 million. But Nick Durlacher, chairman of the SFA, challenged the perception of Mr Hopkins's as a "whistleblower". He said: "An impartial tribunal has scrupulously considered all the available evidence and judged that Mr Hopkins did not 'blow the whistle' with any clarity, force or urgency. On the contrary, the tribunal

1995, just days before Britain's

short of the standards expected of a prudent man in such a

In reply, Mr Hopkins, quot-ing from the Singapore Inspectors' report into the crash. This said: "Given the nature of the points that were raised by Mr Hopkins and the terms in which they were presented, we do not believe that Mr Hopkins's concerns were accorded the serious responses they deserved. In our view, the collapse might have been averted if Mr Hopkins's concerns had been taken seriously, and acted upon promptly and effectively.

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Losses at Orange, the mobile phone operator, deepened to £229 million last year as the company's large investment programme bit further into its

Handicap

Pentland, the sports and leisurewear group, was dragged into the red by the costs of an electrical disposal. Adidas, the sportswear group, meanwhile, raised profits 28

NatWest set to cut bonus payments after inquiry

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

SENIOR NatWest managers responsible for supervising the derivatives trading of Kyriacos Papouis, which led to the bank writing-off £50 million, are expected to have their bonuses cut when the results of an internal investi-

The conclusion of the NatWest inquiry, conducted with Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, and Linklaters & Paines, the City law firm, is also expected to lead to the departure of a number of senior managers in the interest rate options department at NatWest Markets.

Last night NatWest said: The results of the inquiry may have a financial impact on certain individuals."

In common with most. banks, broking houses and fund managers, NatWest pays part of its bonuses in cash, usually at the end of January, with a second tranche deferred until later in the financial year, or even longer in some cases.

It is the second part of the bonus that NatWest could claw back, but only from the handful of senior supervi-sors that work in the interest rate options arm. Other traders in NatWest Markets are not expected to be penalised. Neil Dodgeson, a senior NatWest trader, is at present suspended from his job for

failure to supervise, pending the conclusion of an internal inquiry". Further up the NatWest supervisory chain is Jean François Nguyen, who is managing director of the interest rate market.

The NatWest inquiry, the results of which are expected to be passed to the Bank of England and to the Securities and Putures Authority (SFA), the watchdog for brobelieved to have uncovered serious gaps in the department's risk-measuring com-

puter programmes. Mr Papouis, who NatWest last December for Bears Stearns, a US securities house from which he has now resigned, was a relatively junior trader. To date there appears to be no evidence to suggest that his dealings or "mispricing errors" in the interest rate options market were done for personal gain.

What does seem to have been established, however, is that NatWest's risk models, which are computer based, were not fed with accurate information that would enable the overly risky exposures to be detected. Market observers say that in the recent past NatWest has built up its position "very aggressively" in

certain trading areas. This year NatWest Markets has been recruiting experi-enced risk managers, and this is believed to have been at the instigation of Chip Kruger and Gary Holloway, the joint heads of NatWest's global debt markets operations. Mr Kruger and Mr Holloway took up their positions at the start of the year. Both came from Greenwich Capital, the US fixed-income firm bought by NatWest last October.

The Bank of England, which is the prudential supervisor of the NatWest banking group is responsible for the direct supervision of London's capital markets. The Bank has already begun a preliminary investigation into the NatWest losses in conjunction with the SFA, which polices the registration of individual traders and their supervisors and senior managers.

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million by selling shares in

Redrow Group, the housebuild-

ice in his bedroom when it was

founded in the early 1970s, yest-

erday announced plans to sell a

25 per stake in Redrow to instit-

utional investors. He retains a

35 per cent interest worth about

£130 million. The company

came to the stock market in

1994. Mr Morgan said he was

reducing his shareholding pri-

er of which he is chairman.

Redrow chief to make £91m



Bright note: Michael Bright, left, chief executive of Independent Insurance, and Garth Ramsey, chairman, reported a 46 per cent advance in 1996 pre-tax profits but said that market conditions remained difficult. The company is a sponsor of the Royal Philarmonic Orchestra. Page 26

Scotia shares tumble after drug setback

By Paul Durman

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, one of the UK's largest biotech-nology companies, lost nearly a quarter of its stock market value yesterday when it announced a serious setback with one of its most

important drugs. Scotia has been unable to convince the UK's Medicines Control Agency that Tarabetic is an effective

treatment for diabetes. Erling Refsum, the Yamaichi analyst who has been one of Scotia's biggest City supporters, said: "By the look of it, [Tarabetic's] a wipe-out. They don't believe the results. The knock-on effect is that it calls into question Scotia's whole ability to run trials."

Scotia shares fell 135p. to 435p, cutting the company's market capitalisation by more than £100 million. Scotia had been hoping to

launch Tarabetic later this

Zeneca to expand **US** salesforce as profits top £1bn

BY PAUL DURMAN

ZENECA. the pharmaceuticals group, will this year expand its US salesforce from 1,200 to nearly 2,000 to support the launch of its strong

portfolio of new drugs in the largest healthcare market. The rapidly rising sales of new drugs such as Casadex (for prostate cancer). Arimidex (breast cancer) and Accolate (asthma) was again a key feature of Zeneca's full-year results yesterday. Zeneca said products launched within the last two years were responsible for 40 per cent of the volume growth in pharmaceuficals last year and were already responsible for 5 per cent of the division's £2.4

billion of sales. A strong performance from pharmaceuticals enabled Zeneca to increase pre-tax profits, before a £36 million loss on disposals, by 15 per cent to a record of just over £1 billion. Group sales rose 9 per cent to £5.4 billion.

After hitting a new peak in early trading. Zeneca's shares fell back 42p to end the day at £18.6012. Nick Woolf, a Nomura analyst, expressed concern that Zeneca's drug pipeline may begin to look "a tad weak" after the forthcoming launch of Seroquel, a treatment for schizophrenia. He suggested the company may find it difficult to achieve its target of annual earnings growth of 15 per cent a year over the next five years.

Sir David Barnes, chief executive, said Zeneca's pipeline remained strong, with 18 potential new products under development, excluding those such as Seroquel that only await regulatory approval. Sir David also said that

Zeneca's share price - which has more than trebled since it was demerged from ICI four years ago - was justified by the fundamentals of the group's business. Sir David said the company

expects by the end of the month to resolve the problems at its Macclesfield plant that makes the top-selling Zoladex for prostate cancer. The plant was recently criticised by the US Fred and Drug Administration. Zeneca's agrochemicals division improved its operating profits by 18 per cent to £227 million on sales 12 per cent

higher at nearly £1.7 billion. The company will pay a second interim dividend of 22.5p on May 6. This will increase the full-year dividend by 13 per cent to 35p a share.

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Morgan: beat the recession

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

marily for family investment STEVE MORGAN, who once earned a living digging drains reasons, adding: "It is not in Liverpool, is set to raise £91.5 really appropriate for a listed public company to have 50 per cent of its shares held by one owner." He said: "I wanted to Mr Morgan, who ran the company from a makeshift offsell more at the time of the float, but conditions in the housebuilding industry then

did not really allow it." Mr Morgan holds the shares through Bridgmere Holdings, a company which holds assets on behalf of his family. Mr Morgan still runs the St Davids Hotel and golf course near Clwyd, which he transferred from Redrow for

whole sector.

Yesterday Redrow reported

£100 prior to its flotation. Mr Morgan is credited as one of the few housebuilders to call correctly the top of the housing market in 1988 and 1989, selling the company's entire landbank before the recession and the housing crash hit the

a £4.3 million rise in pre-tax profits to £16.4 million for the six months to December 31 on sales that rose 20 per cent to £123 million. Earnings rose L3p to 5.2p a share. The interim dividend is lifted to 1.2p a share from Llp.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Britton Group beats

BRITTON GROUP, the plastics and packaging group whose customers include Heinz. Kraft and Pillsbury.

shrugged off weaker demand and currency fluctuations: to lift its pre-tax profits by 5 per cent, to E21.6 million, in the

year to December 31. Operating profits on continuing activities rose by 7.3 per cent, to £23.9 million. Exceptional

costs of £1.2 million arose largely from restructuring within the plastics division. Britton is paying a final dividend of

1.98p to give a total for the year of 3.3p. up 10 per cent.

Group sales rose by 9 per cent, to £222 million. America

is Britton's largest market. Robin Williams, the chief-executive, said that the new financial year had shown

satisfactory trading, reflecting the benefits of recent

capital expenditure and acquisitions, and that further

steady growth was expected, subject to more settled foreign exchange conditions.

Lloyd's insolvency test

INVESTORS in the Lloyd's of London insurance market face

a new solvency test designed to pinpoint shortfalls at an early

stage. Corporate and private names will have to show that

they can cover a sum over and above their total liabilities.

Lloyd's already has to satisfy two separate solvency tests each

year. The DTI said that the new test will show investors how

much Lloyd's is relying on its own central fund to maintain

solvency. A Lloyd's spokesman said it would not discourage

DBS seeks full listing

DBS Management, Britain's largest network of independent

Earnings per share were 10.8p, up from 10.18p.

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SOARING stock markets. mergers and acquisitions and new share issues pushed the revenues of Wall Street's brokerage houses to a record \$31.4 billion in the final quarter of last year.

The total beat the previ-ous record, of \$30.5 billion, set in the second quarter of last year. However, some brokers worry about how long the unprecedented surge could last. "It seems like it's almost too good to be true," said one senior Wall Street executive. "We're praying it isn't the pride before the fall." Net profits leapt to a

record \$11.27 billion. a huge rise of 31 per cent over the previous quarter-ly profit record of \$8.6 billion, set in 1993.

The figures are com-piled by the Securities Industry Association, the US industry trade body. Employment in the securities industry rose to 265,000, a rise of 3.5 per cent on the 1995 level. It has now surpassed the number employed in the industry in the weeks be-fore the stock market crash of October 1987, which is making some Wall Street veterans nervous. "As long as the stock market keeps climbing, we're safe," said one. "After that, it may be every man for himself."

Although initial public share offerings have fallen in volume in recent weeks. the market at the end of last year was running at record levels, with \$50 billion raised in 1996. Merger and acquisition deals also beat all previous records, with more than \$500 billion in completed deals in the year. The pay of senior Wall Street brokers also reached record levels, reflecting the huge

John Mack, president of Morgan Stanley, saw his pay jump 58 per cent, to \$10.5 million. Richard Fuld, chairman of Lehman Brothers, had a 34 per cent rise, to \$6.67 million. Merrill Lynch last week said that Daniel Tully, its chairman, was paid \$11.1 million, up 42 per cent.

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Hans Snook, left, group managing director, and Graham Howe increased spending at Orange to £220 million

Ring of confidence as Orange losses deepen

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

LOSSES at Orange, the mobile phone operator, deepened to £229 million last year as the company's large investment programme bit further into its

The losses increased from £141 million in 1995, although the figure was largely in line with the City's estimates. Orange's spending grew to £220 million, from £188 million.

But the company, which is not expected to move into the black until next year or 1999, said it was confident about the mobile phone market in the UK, predicting that one in five people will have a portable phone by the year 2000. It currently stands at one in ten. Orange, which floated last

year, has lifted its market share from 7 per cent to 11.5 The company is committed

to heavy investment in the race for subscribers in the competitive mobile phone market. While Orange gets E442 a year from its average customer, it has to spend £278 to win a customer. The spend goes on providing the phones at the nominal costs needed to woo new subscribers and on giving incentives to the mobile phone sales networks and

> shops.
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> The company is confident that the retained revenue from customers will rise after BT last month raised the price of a call from its fixed line to an

Orange phone. Last year it while the industry average dipped slightly from 1995's meant its rivals had customer dipped slightly from 1995's level of £444 per customer.

Although the spend on attracting subscribers is high. Orange says it has been successful in clinging on to those customers.

The mobile phone market is subject to a high level of

"churn" - customers who enrol with one provider and then quickly move on to another. Orange said its churn rate for last year was 18.6 per cent compared with an industry average of 28 per cent. Graham Howe, group finance director, said the churn rate meant that Orange was hanging on to its customers for an average of five years

loyalty for about three and a half years.

Beyond the millennium Orange believes ownership of mobile phones could stretch to two in five people. Such a takeup would put the UK further in line with other countries such as the Scandinavian countries, which average 30 per cent ownership.

But fears over what is really to be won in the competitive market has suppressed Or-

Last March the company floated at 205p a share and then saw a slump in the price to 1572 p. Yesterday the price moved up 5p to 219p.

Insurer forecasts lower prices

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

MOTOR insurance rates show no signs of increasing. and new entrants to the direct insurance market will drive prices down, Independent Insurance said vesterday.

Independent, a general insurer specialising in non-standard risks, said that the industry could be heading for 'a second bottom" because a number of direct insurers had still not reached the critical mass necessary to break even.

Michael Bright, Independent's chief executive, said: There are some signs that non-standard motor, including high-risk drivers, is improving, but it is still patchy. The industry has taught the punter to look for the cheapest rates."

Independent yesterday un-veiled mixed full-year results. Gross written premiums rose 7 per cent, to £439 million, and pre-tax profit grew 46 per cent. to £52 million (1995: £35.5 million). Excluding realised investment gains, pre-tax profits rose 21 per cent, to £40 million (1995: £33 million).

Motor losses doubled to £6 million and the commercial property account deteriorated to a pre-tax loss of £700,000 (1995: profit of £7.9 million).

Underwriting profit for home insurance fell to El million, from £5 million in 1995. Mr Bright said that Independent wrote a lot of business for local authorities and had been hit by winter weather.

Commercial liability losses stayed at £2.4 million. However, the affinity group business underwriting profit rose from £900,000 to £5.3 million.

The bulk of group profits came from funded business. as profits from professional indemnity, liability and marine business come through on a three-year basis. The underwriting profit of £14 million (1995: £2 million) includes a release from the 1994 underwriting year.

The total dividend is 13.25p (1995: 11.25p), after earnings per share of 57.5p (1995: 48.3p).

liquidated and its other inves-

tors given the chance to enter a

funds under management to

£6.5 billion and could hit

earnings per share by removing £20 million of manage-

ment fees, analysts believe the

placing is a good defensive

move. Mr Watt said: "I am

delighted with the deal, which

makes us a truly independent

fund management company.

We can now focus soley on

Although turnover rose 59

per cent to £31.1 million, pre-

tax profit after exceptionals

was down £200,000 to £12,6

million. Earnings fell from

growing the business."

Although it reduces EFM's

new unit trust.

financial advisers, is to reapply for a full Stock Exchange listing after being cleared by the Personal Investment Authority of allegations of compliance breaches made by Kenneth Stead, a former director, in October, DBS is listed an the AIM, with a market capitalisation of £61 million. The company is buying AssureSoft, a computer software provider; for L2 million. DBS said that the acquisition would save costs in developing electronic trading for its 1,650 member firms.

Guinness Peat leaps GUINNESS PEAT, the merchant bank, reported a 30 per cent increase in net profits to £19.1 million for the year to December. The result reflected the sale of shares in Physicians Insurance to reduce exposure to the US market, as well as settlement of outstanding litigation. The group is to make a one-for-ten bonus share issure in conjunction with a final dividend equivalent to 0.25p per share. The bank is considering

Rise in business failures

proposals to reduce the number of shares in issue and will

make a recommendation to shareholders in due course.

INSOLVENCIES in Germany grew at more than 15 per cent last year, the fastest rate of increase across Europe, according to Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company. Overall, corporare insolvencies across 14 countries rose 6.5 per cent to 207,000 companies over the year. In Germany, the 25,800 business failures carried with them a total cost to the economy of around DM80 billion, Dun & Bradstreet estimated. Insolvency rates in France and Britain were high, at 64,000 and 41,100 respectively.

Building orders dip

NEW orders in Britain's construction industry fell in January compared with the previous month. Over the three months to January, orders were down I per cent compared with the same period a year ago, but 8 per cent up compared with the three months from August to October last year, according to the Department of the Environment. New orders in the private housing sector in the three months from November to January were 13 per cent higher than the previous three months and 40 per cent higher than a year ago.

Schools boost BPP

AN IMPROVED performance by its language schools division helped BPP, the education group, to lift 1996 pre-tax profits 14 per cent, to £9.75 million. Sales rose 15 per cent, to £76 million. Earnings per share rose by 17 per cent, to 22.9p. Profits of the language division, which includes Linguarama, rose by two thirds, to £1.45 million, but Richard Price, chairman, said that UK courses will cost foreign students more if sterling rises higher. A 9p final dividend makes 13p, up 16 per cent.

Cussins raises payout

CUSSINS PROPERTY GROUP, the North East housebuilder, achieved an 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.9 million in 1990, despite the absence of a £5 million Ministry of Defence deal that lifted profits in 1995. Turnover rose 9 per cent to £26.7 million, with a 37 per cent leap in housebuilding to £26.1 million and a 28 per cent jump in sales to a record 353 units. Earnings were 8.8p a share (8.7p). The dividend is increased 5 per cent to 4.1p, with a 2.65p final.

Hozelock buys Cyprio

HOZELOCK, the garden products company, has bought Cyprio, a garden pond filtration manufacturer, for £5.8 million. Cyprio was established in 1983 to market a broad. range of aquatic products for domestic use. The business. based near Peterborough, has a staff of 50 and markets its clear water filtration systems in Britain, continental Europe and the US. In the year to November 30, 1996 it had sales of £4.7 million and made a pre-tax profit of £621,000.

Sims shows error loss

SIMS FOOD has called in an independent firm of accountants after it uncovered a breakdown of financial controls at its plant in Carnaby, Yorkshire. The company said management accounts may have overstated profits by up to. El.7 million in respect of the year to March 31, 1997, leading to losses of up to £1.5 million. Directors do not expect the group's operating results to differ materially from market expectations, Sims added. The shares fell 2½p to 30½p.

Petrol price war takes toll of Frost

BY CARL MORTISHED

FROST GROUP, the indepenhas seen its petrol retailing chain almost halved in size as a result of the petrol price war. The owner of the Save petrol brand lost 530 sites last year, reducing the number of outlets to 614 at the end of December.

The cuts in Frost Group, whose chairman is James Frost, coincide with a squeeze on independent dealers as the large oil companies and hypermarkets continue their campaign of low petrol prices. Some 1,500 dealers went bust or quit the market last year, according to figures from the Institute of Petroleum's Retail Marketing Survey.

The vast majority of these are independents, reflecting the hardship faced by small operators.

Frost Group, which publishes its 1996 financial results

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James Frost: sites halved

next week, adopted a strategy of maintaining its margins in the face of discounting by the majors. It acquired more than 800 dealer sites from Burmah Castrol in June 1995, only months before Esso launched its Pricewatch campaign.

Out of fuel, page 29

Firms unite for software challenge

largest computer companies have joined forces to produce a new software standard for computing (Richard Thomson writes).

The companies, which include IBM, Oracle, Sun Microsystems and Netscape Communications, have agreed on specifications that will allow different computers with different software to operate with each other.

The aim is to gain broad industry acceptance of the new standards. "This initiative starts with four companies, but our goal is for an industry groundswell to develop," said Steve Mills, gen-eral manager of IBM's software division. Widespread acceptance could subundermine stantially Microsoft's stranglehold.

company's shares this week after the decision by British Coal Pension Schemes (BCPS) to sell its stake in the British Investment Trust. Mr Watt has appointed HSBC James Capel, Panmure Gordon, Schroders and Flem-

(EFM), is seeking to place

nearly one quarter of the

ings to dispose of around 7.6 million of its ordinary shares and is proposing to buy back a further 2.6 million (8 per cent) at the placing price by Friday. The move ends four months

of talks between EFM and BCPS, which is managed by Goldman Sachs. The pension fund controlled 32.5 per cent of the fund manager's equity via its 85 per cent stake in the £1 billion British Investment Trust (BIT).

42.3p a share to 40.2p. EFM is paying an unchanged final dividend of 17p, maintaining the total at 25p.

Watt to place 25%

of EFM's shares

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

IAIN WATT, chief executive of discount of 15.7 per cent for the

Edinburgh Fund Managers past year. It will now be

BIT has stood at an average

THE Irish Auctioneers and Valuers Institute has joined the steadily growing list of groups expressing concern over the mortgage-lending practices of financial institution in the Republic of Ireland (Eileen McCabe writes).

are relaxing their rules so that

in their mortgage decisions in a booming housing market. Traditionally Irish institutions have used conservative criteria, lending only 2.5 times the borrower's annual salary. In recent months, however, there have been persistent rumours, particularly in Dub-lin, that some have begun to bend those rules.

Denials from financial institutions have done little to quell fears that the property market in Dublin, fuelled by irresponsible borrowing, is beginning to share some of the characteristics of the pre-crash property market in London in the late Eighties.

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Irish loans concern grows

The institute said yesterday it had heard reports that some

young people, particularly professionals entering the job market, can get a mortgage. Their comments follow last week's warning from the Minister for Finance. Ruairi Quinn, that lending institutions should exercise prudence

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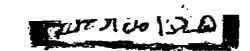
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☐ Labour may ditch Opraf chief ☐ Europe reverses stance on jobs ☐ Barings 'whistleblower' takes the blame

Why 'red' may signal 'go'

SPLENDID news! Help is at hand for our embattled railways franchising director, who is suffering so grievously at the hands of Stagecoach. Poor John O'Brien, who runs the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising (Opraf) and is charged with ensuring all those tiresome railway timetables are kept to, is widely thought to be one of the first public servants out of a job

should Labour win the election. But Mr O'Brien may be able to stay on after all. What he has to do, and this is radical stuff, be warned, is carry out his obligations as enshrined in the 1993 Railways Act. Easy, really. It might even help those Times readers in the South East staring into the mist this morning in the

faint hope of spotting a train.

Yesterday this column questioned whether Mr O'Brien lacked the authority to do his job, or was simply not prepared to. Let us assume he is quite keen to give those rail operators whose franchises he has arranged a hard time when they fail. Let us assume he has merely mislaid

55 of the above act. Opraf has so far indicated it will levy fairly low fines for the failings of South West Trains, namely widespread cancellations that will run until

But section 55 offers the

They are to be found in section

out steps to comply with their duties - rehiring all those sacked drivers until their replacements are trained, in South West's case. If this is not done to the letter, fines are unlimited. The sequence continues: loss of the franchise, injunctions from the courts, con-

draconian powers. He can make

an order requiring them to carry

tempt of court, more fines, jail . . . This is a defining moment in rail privatisation, because there are signs that other operators around the country are thinking about their own unilateral amendments to their franchise promises. They must have taken comfort from the self-satisfied bleating we heard from someone called John Watts, apparently the Rail Minister, in the Commons on Monday.

Opraf claims to be aware of section 55, but says there is not enough evidence to say if South West is in breach. The figures are not yet analysed for February, they will not be until the end of next week, that is, nearly April. The operator then has 28 days to comply with any performance

franchising director far more order. Only after that, says Opraf, is there a possibility of fines, if breaches continue. Nothing else we can do.

So you are allowed the best part of three months to run a lousy service, and fines that are not even retrospective. That is how the regulations are configured, says Opraf. Things may be different in future. If Labour gets in, it has said that it views regulation as the heart of its control of the railways — this is made clear in the Railtrack prospectus. By then Mr O'Brien may have made an abrupt career change. Director of regulation at

Contracting out of your responsibilities

Stagecoach, perhaps?

☐ THOSE who believe the legal mills in Europe grind exceed-ingly slowly will be surprised to learn that yesterday's ruling on the status of contract workers represents a complete about-face in only three years. The attempt to protect the rights of employees when their jobs are transferred to outside contractors was alPENNINGTON



ways a right too far. Now the EU has managed to retrench and save its energies for more winnable battles, such as the working time directive.

Several German cleaning ladies have trooped through the European Court to help Brussels to clarify its mind on the matter. It had been assumed that if you take on a business, you take on its employees, their rights and the cost of paying them off if you no longer need them. This was a distinct bar to outsourcing, a quaint euphemism for a business that we British are rather good at; indeed, firms such as Capita and Serco Group have made their fortunes from it.

There is only one reason to outsource, putting some of the

HARRISONS & Crosfield,

the industrial conglomerate,

struck a cautious note yester-

day as it reported a marginal

rise in profits last year (Sarah

ber 31, pre-tax profit rose to

£120.8 million (£119.6 mil-

lion). The company said that

in the first two months of the

current year profits from

food and agriculture were

running well behind last year. This is partly because of the strength of sterling.

which is also having an

impact on its chemicals busi-

ness. Chemicals are nonethe-

less delivering better oper-

ating profits than last year.

Earnings per share were 11.1p (11p) and the final divi-

dend is being maintained at

5.4p. It is payable on July I

and gives an unchanged full-

year dividend of 9p a share.

Cunningham writes). In the 12 months to Decem-

work now done in-house in the hands of an outside contractor. and that is to save money. There are really only two ways of doing this, too. You work people harder or you pay them less - ideally both, if you can get away with it. The real savings come in transferring public sector work, where uneconomic practices are protected by public sector unions, into the private sector.

The European Court judgment significantly weakens the EU's Acquired Rights Directive, by saying new employers are not necessarily required to take on existing staff. Just who they are obliged to take will now have to be clearly defined by both parties, and reflected in the price at which the work is put out to tender. It does not strip hundreds of thousands of service workers of their rights. But it could throw up a problem for outsourcing businesses whose contracts come up for renewal.

The EU had to backtrack because its initial stance negated the whole purpose of contracting out in the first place. It had precious little to do with the operation of a single market and more with knee-jerk regulationsetting at Brussels, too. Not for the first time, and not for the last, one might think.

One law for the bolshie

☐ CITY justice seems as subjective in the era of the bureaucratic self-regulatory organisation as in the days of the club blackball. lan Hopkins, treasury and risk manager at Barings, thinks himself a virtuous whisteblower, who tried to warn top Barings directors of the dangers building up in Singapore, but was sat on for his pains.

Others disagree. Among them is the Securities and Futures Authority, which concluded that Mr Hopkins should have acted faster and more effectively. It is not the first time that a referee has disagreed with a player angrily protesting his innocence.

What seems odd is that Mr Hopkins should receive as severe an official punishment as anyone at Barings save the incarcerated Nick Leeson. Along with being given a three-year ban from senior City jobs and a £10,000 charge, he is unusually also named as not being a fit and proper person in SFA terms.

The reason for this appears to be that, out of foolish pride, Mr Hopkins refused to co-operate with the SFA investigation of his case. No real transgression incenses petty bureaucrats in professional bodies as much as someone challenging their au-

thority or ignoring their letters. Had Mr Hopkins copped a plea, he claims, he would have got off with a reprimand and a £5,000 fine. Either investors would have been left unprotected in that event, or Mr Hopkins is now being punished for his pride rather than for any benefit of the financial markets. How interesting to see what penal standard will apply at NatWest.

... No pack drill

☐ SPEAKING of NatWest, it was amazing, when a £50 million hole appeared two weeks ago. how quickly senior names who had been preening themselves at the company's results briefing days before dropped below the parapet. It was left to anonymous spokespeople to reassure the market. When NatWest's own internal report is published today or tomorrow, we at least expect some very important people to stand up in public.

Cowie rules out bid for whole of Underground

COWIE, the car leasing and bus operating group, yester-day ruled itself out as a bidder for London Underground, but said it may be interested in parts if the network is

The company, which is already the largest bus operator in the capital, said that the amount of money needed to bid for the Underground as a

whole was prohibitive. Gordon Hodgson, chief executive, said: "We would never bid for the whole system, and would not even give this a second throught. It is much bigger than anything we would want to tackle. But if it were segmented, we might

His comments came as the

profits of £81,2 million last year, a 46 per cent increase on the previous year, after a £30.4 million contribution from its bus operations.

Its four London bus routes increased profits by 49 per cent to £14.9 million over the year, after an increase in margins, bus fares and passenger volume.

However, its car leasing division returned profits of £34.8 million against the expected £37 million, which caused some concern among analsysts, who downgraded forecasts for this year from £107 million to £102 million. Mr Hodgson said that the

leasing divison was suffering from a "mild depression" because fewer customers had company returned pre-tax returned cars from the three-

cyclical business. There are not as many cars coming back now, but this will correct itself later on." He said the company was adding 9,000 cars to its 74,000-strong fleet this year, and would continue to

add as many as cashflow

allowed. Profits at its bus dealership rose 4 per cent to £3.31 million on turnover that was flat at E24.7 million (E24.5 million). Mr Hodgson said the division through point" for another three years, when orders from bus operators would allow the company the purchasing power to command better prices

from manufacturers. The company intends to spend ESS million on about

year leases. He said: "It's a 600 new buses this year, which will take its overall fleet to 7,200. Most of this will be spent on British Bus, bought last August.

Me Hodgson said the

comany would continue to pour more money into its new bus routes. "We have three years of heavy spending in front of us," he said. While the scrutinised by the Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Hodgson said that he was hoping for a result in "weeks rather than months".

Earnings increased to 33.2p (26.2p) a share. The total dividend rises to 12.4p (10.4p), with a final 9p payable on April 25.

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Yorkshire would seek big Harrisons cautious premium from Granada on outlook

By Alasdair Murray

WARD THOMAS, chairman and chief executive of Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television. said yesterday that any bid made by Granada would need to carry a hefty premium to the current share price.

Granada owns 27 per cent of YTTT and Gerry Robinson, chairman, has made no secret of the company's desire to launch a full bid. United News and Media, which has a 14 per cent stake in YTTT, is another potential bidder.

Shares in Yorkshire have risen by around 80 per cent in recent months. They closed unchanged last night at 1,247.5p, valuing the company at £800 million. Mr Thomas believes an offer would need to be pitched at around £17 a

YTTT yesterday reported a 40 per cent rise in full-year profits to £30.2 million. Pro-



Thomas: premium needed

gramme revenues increased 9 per cent, while costs remained steady despite a rise in output. Advertising revenue disappointed, with sales falling to 10.3 per cent of total ITV advertising revenue, at £12 million below expectations. YTTT blamed a cutback in spending by one major adver-

tiser, while southern regions benefited from strong growth in telecommunications adver-

The company predicted an has set a target of 10.9 per cent of total revenue, with income growing by 5 per cent in the

first quarter. YTTT is concentrating on expanding its programme making operations. It recently opened a new studio in Leeds, which at 24,000 sq ft is the

largest in the country.

Emmerdale was the fastest growing programme in the soap category last year, the show ranking among ITV's top ten. while A Touch of Frost and Heartbeat were also

very successful. Turnover rose by 3 per cent to £271 million. The total dividend was increased by 29 per cent to I8p. A final dividend of 11.2p is payable on

Kalon's return to black paints brighter picture

KALON, the UK's largest producer of paint, revealed yesterday that its merger with Euridep, the French group. produce significantly larger benefits than expected. Announcing year-end results, Mike Hennessy, group managing director, said "the recurring benefits from merging Kalon and Euridep in 1995 will be £23.5 million in a full year". This compares with

time of the merger.

Integration of the two groups to date has involved closure of offices and plants in the UK and France and a total of 600 job losses. Further restructuring measures are planned in 1997 and substantial reorganisation benefits are still to come through.

Results for the year to December 31 came in at the top end of City forecasts. After exceptional costs, Kalon reported pre-tax profits of £19.3 million compared with a £3 loss. Turnover increased 40.3 per cent to £525 million, reflecting a full year's contribution from Euridep. Analysts have increased their forecast for this year and are looking for pre-tax profits of £46 million. The final dividend is lifted to 3.5p. giving a total of 5.2p for the year.



Mike Hennessy said the merger exceeded expectations

BBA will spend £80m in search of growth

By Alasdair Murray

BBA GROUP, the engineering and materials company, has said it will double its investment spend to £80 million this year as it concentrates or organic growth.

The company unveiled a 19 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £141 million. excluding exceptional items.

Roberto Quarta, chief executive, said that the group is committed to growth through investment in new products and technologies. He added that with an improved balance of businesses, the company is well positioned to benefit from future opportunities.

BBA also announced the purchase of Korma, an Italian materials company, for up to E12 million and the signing of a joint venture friction materials deal in China.

Overall rurnover fell 7 per cent to £1.1 billion after a series of disposals. Turnover on continuing operations increased 10 per cent to £1.08 billion.

The transportation division increased profits in continuing businesses by 16 per cent to £58 million. The company said that the benefits of restructuring in the friction materials business should show through

The industrial division increased profits in continuing businesses by a third to £88 million.

Year-end gearing, following capital expenditure of £45 million, was 4 per cent. The total dividend was increased 17 per cent to 7p. A final dividend of 4.9p is payable on May 28.

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Sweet performance at Thorntons £7.6 million to £9.9 million.

A STRONG performance from its new-look stores propelled Thorntons, the chocolate and confectionery retailer, to a 30 per cent rise in profits at the halfway stage (Sarah Cunningham writes). In the six months to January

11, pre-tax profits rose from

Earnings were 30.5 per cent ahead at 9.55p a share.

Like for like sales were 13.2 per cent ahead and at its 113 refitted shops, like-for-like sales growth was 25 per cent. Shops that were moved to new sites performed even better.

In the first two months of the second half, sales grew 11.1 per cent on a like-for-like basis. More moderate growth is expected during the rest of this year.

The company will pay an interim dividend of 1.65p (1.5p) on April 30.

Sheffield United in red

SHEFFIELD UNITED, the quoted first division football club, is "hopeful" of achieving promotion this season - a year earlier than planned. The club, which floated in January via a reverse takover of Conrad, said yesterday that restructuring benefits should become apparent in the scond

half. The company has just filed for planning consent for a new 41.000-seater stadium. On a pro-forma basis, the enlarged group showed a halfyear net loss of £1.3 million. including a loss on transfer fees of ELI million. There is no dividend. The shares fell 2p to hub p on yesterday's news.

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Caird shares jump 90p as talk of bid grows

WHERE there's muck there's brass, the old saying goes. That certainly seems to be the case these days among Britain's fiercely competitive waste disposal companies.

Whispers circulating in the Square Mile yesterday sug-gested that a bid may be just round the corner for Caird Group, the land-fill and contaminated waste specialist. It responded to the speculation with a leap of 90p to a new peak of 78212p. Topping the list of likely suitors is Waste Management International of the US.

Brokers say Waste Management would have to offer at least £12 a share, valuing Caird at £32 million. Caird has had a lean time of it in recent years, coming back from the brink after stagger ing under debts of almost £22 million. Under the leadership of John Farrell, the group has undergone major restructuring and returned to the dividend list only last year after a three-year absence. Word is that Waste Management, lp firmer at 246p, may not be the only bidder in the wings.

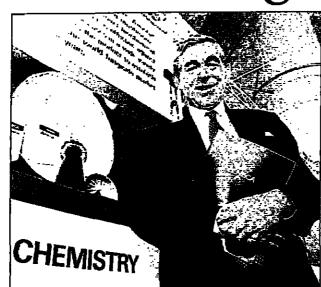
The rest of the equity market extended its recent recordbreaking run, although the absence of any real followthrough meant that prices closed well below their best of the day.

The annual exodus of brokers and fund managers to Cheltenham meant that interest was on the wane around lunchtime. Even so, the FT-SE 100 index closed 6.9 up at a new closing high of 4,444.3, having hit an all-time peak of 4,466.3 earlier in the day. Turnover was a healthy 1.14 billion shares and particularly heavy in the likes of BG (31.97 million shares), down 3p at 16412p. and BTR (31.8 million), 12p lighter at 28312p.

Full-year figures from Zeneca, where Sir David Barnes is chief executive, failed to impress the City despite profits topping the El billion mark for the first time. Brokers who met the company after the results came away decidedly unimpressed with prospects over the next couple of years. They say the development of new drugs is likely to provide a drag on profits. The EIS.6012.

By contrast Wellcome was being chased higher, with the price climbing 3612p to £11.54. The group has won approval to market

COMMODITIES



Sir David Barnes saw shares in Zeneca fall 42p

Naramig, its new treatment for migraine in Sweden. SmithKline Beecham also benefited from Zeneca's strong profitperformance with a rise of 6p at 94612p, while Medeva

added 15p at 329p. Scotia Holdings, the former high-flyer, came down to earth with a bump. The price touched 325p before ending the day 135p down at 435p. The high hopes on the group's process for detecting heart conditions in the early stages. The market is hoping for some positive news from Cortecs International today. Along with the figures the group is expected to provide an update on one of its new treatments. Brokers say it

could lead to a further boost

for the shares, which finished

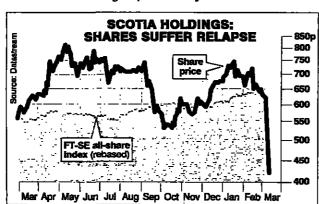
Note the support for Thistle Hotels, Britain's second largest hotel chain after Granada. The price firmed 3p to 1882p in heavy turnover of 3.27 million shares in the wake of last week's profit numbers. Word is that the group is looking to challenge Granada by lining up a major acquisition.

Medicines Control Agency has told the group it is unable to recommend marketing approval for Tarabetic, the group's diabetic neuropathy

Shield Diagnostics was up and running as the buyers came in again, pushing the price 38p higher at 655p on turnover of 652,981 shares in a 5,000-share market. City speculators are continuing to pin

yesterday down llp at 22512p. Reed International was a nervous market, falling 1712p to £11.7312 in front of full-year figures today. Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits up around 7 per cent at £879 million and will be hoping for possible news on the sale of its consumer publishing arm.

The high street retailers were depressed after the latest survey from the British Retail



Consortium suggesting life may be proving difficult. There were setbacks for Argos, 3½p to 669p, Marks & Spencer, 712p to 486p. Dixons, 3p to 52312,p Fine Art Developments, 312p to 28712p and Kingsbury Group, 212p to 16212p.

One of the best performances of the day was seen in Fibernet. the data networks specialist. The shares touched 19012p before closing 3912p higher at 18412p. The group, which came to market last year, has signed a partnership agreement with Telstra, the Asian telecoms carrier. The deal will enable it to offer its telecoms systems worldwide through its TANnet high-speed communications business.

Over on Ofex, first-time trading in Text 100 Group, the international public relations group specialising in technology industries, made a confident start after an introduction at 35p by ARM Corporate Finance, valuing the company at E6 million. The price ended the session at 42p with 215,000 shares

changing hands. Sims Food touched 2512p before ending 3p lower at 3012p after announcing it may have overstated profits to the time of £1.7 million because of a breakdown in financial con-

A profits setback left PTS Group 14p lower at 133p, although prospects for 1997 are described as "reasonable" Psion rallied 16p to 42412p.

Earlier this week, the price was hit by news that the strength of sterling had begun to make a dent in profit GILT-EDGED: Early

gains were wiped out, with prices finishing lower on the day in the wake of a sell-off among US Treasury bonds after the revised fourth-quarter productivity numbers.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt ended three ticks off at Ell12532 in moderate turnover that saw 56,000 contracts completed. Among longer-dated issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was

E316 better at £105916, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a □ NEW YORK: Shares on au Sireet were about hat at midday after a record close on Monday, though they held up against a sell-off in the bond market. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.08

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Cupboard far from bare

serves some attention. The

second-hand car market was

in good form last year, and

the company should have

been able to command high

prices for vehicles returned

Moreover, whingeing

from car dealers underlines

the state of oversupply in the

new car market Cowie

should have little trouble in

LESS FLEET OF FOOT

after the end of the lease.

THE giddy rise of Zeneca's share price is enough to give investors altitude sickness. Less than two years ago, the price soared through the £10 barrier in a fever of takeover speculation, and sceptics warned the market that it could never last. Yesterday, shares in the drugs company leapt to £19.38, before falling back to end a hectic day 42p lower at £18.6012.

Zeneca is now valued at about £18 billion. Sir David Barnes, Zeneca's chief executive, reckons the company's premium rating is entirely justified by the strength of the business, and he insists that the persistent takeover speculation adds little to the equation. But few in the City entirely believe him hence the sharp fall in the price when analysts thought they spotted a chink in Zeneca's previously impregnable armour.

The pipeline of new drugs looks good. More

than 40 per cent of the volume growth in pharmaceuticals comes from products launched in the past two years. Casodex and Arimidex, the cancer drugs, and Accolate, for asthma, are off to a flying start. Taking into account associated launch costs, underlying pre-tax profits climbed 15 per cent to just over £1 billion.

The worry is that after the launch of Zomio a migraine drug, and Seroquel, a schizophre: nia treatment. Zeneca will have nothing new emerging from its labs until 2001, when it willlose patent protection over Zestril, the heart drug now generating annual sales of £502 million. The concerns are overdone. Zeneral still has countries to conquer with its drugs, and new uses for existing products. With or without a bidder, Zeneca remains à good long-term bet.

obtaining cheap stock for its

leasing operation. So why

the blip? Could it merely be a

statistical dip - fewer cars

happened to be returned last

year by fleet owners, leading

to smaller profits from re-sale. Or, could it be that

Cowie - concentrating ever

is losing its knack for selling

more on buses and trains -

cars at the right price.

Cowie

COWIE, the mighty motor dealing combine that metamorphosed into a transport stock, has not been given the warmest of welcomes by observers in its new stock market niche.

Born a car leasing and dealership company, its acquisition of British Bus has taken it to new pastures and the company of analysts who, Cowie claims. are getting the wrong end of the stick. The problem is the finance division, which leases fleets of cars and sells them on return. The division speaks for 43 per cent of the profits but underperformed last year. To the City, this warrants a downgrade: to Cowie this is a cyclical "blip" which

will correct itself in a couple of years. However, this blip de-

BBA BBA is determined to shed its dinosaur conglomerate im-

age. The company is trying to persuade the City that its attempted 52.4 billion bid for

Lucas last year was a temporary aberration, reciting words such as "focus" and "organic growth" from the City's favourite textbook. Yesterday's results suggest that there is substance in BBA's strategy. The company

achieved healthy growth in underlying sales and margins. But Roberto Quarta, BBA's chief executive, is convinced that the company's real rate of sales growth has yet to be achieved, now that the business is more or less in the shape he wants.

BBA is doubling capital expenditure this year, confident that it will reap the reward from its investme over the next few years.

However, two uncertainties remain. BBA has to decide on the future for its specialist electrics business.

Having failed to keep up with the overall rate of expansion. it is now dwarfed by rival BBA divisions. Mr Quarta is confident that there are buyers for the business, but he

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attempt to revive its fortunes. There is still a lingering suspicion in the City that BBA's management hankers after the excitement of the deal and may soon get tired of the hard graft of generating sales internally. But with a strong financial position and sound business strategy. BBA should be given the chance to prove its good

has not yet ruled out an

Pentland

PENTLAND is becoming an easier company to categorise as it sheds its non-core subsidiaries and puts more resources into its clothing footwear brands.

The key to success in this business is the conversion of sports clothing into fashion accessories, and Pentland

has brands that straddle the border between both markets. For example, Speedoswimsuits, once the musthave for pro swimmers and amateur teams, are now

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marketed as fashion items. Fashion is a powerful marketing tool, but it can be dangerous in a market that relies on youth cults. The whims of the mainly young consumers mean that sports brands run the risk of losing their street credibility overnight, leading to severe fluctuations in trading. Happily, in Pentland's case, two of its main brands, Ellesse and Kickers, have been through a big fashion revival, and this was reflect-

ed in strong trading figures. The strategy of exiting the non-core businesses is good for Pentland, but potential investors will need to spend as much time checking out the labels sported by young clubbers as in watching the priceearnings multiple of Pentland shares.

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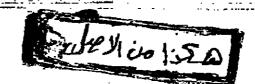
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Expertise at a premium

ANDREW WINCKLER has been touring the streets of Glasgow. The pinstriped chief executive of the SIB was "on the debit" in Govan, mixing with the investing public.

Foundations for the flying visit were put in place last year, when Winckler met Ron Baxter, Scottish Legal Life's chief execu-tive, at The Association of Friendly Societies' annual conference in Harrogate. Winckler apparently wantance business worked at the grass roots level.

Once the tricky problem of what to wear had been overcome, Winckler turned out to be a natural at collecting insurance premiums from Scottish Legal Life customers. "He ent down a bomb," I am told. "Chatting, drinking tea, and collecting money. Both staff and customers loved him."

Down to earth

EASYJET AIRLINE has had its wings clipped by the Advertising Standards Authority. A complaint has been upheld objecting to the cut-price airline's regional press advertisement: "Smart Class not club class. London from £29." The advertisement was misleading because Luton was far outside London. The ASA has asked Easyjet to state "London (Luton)" in future. Tut. tut.

OPENING the Lothbury Gallery to the public has left NatWest short of display cabinets. The arrival of around 30 paintings in the lobby of the bank's HQ has left the much coveted ProShare trophy – awarded for best meeting the needs of private shareholders — without a home. So many trophiès.

Humorous sole

THE legend of Nicholas Shipp lives on. The man who belped to transform ten-year-old TT Group into a mini-conglomerate capitalised at £540 million will long be remembered for his cracking one-liners. John Newman, Shipp's partner in business for more than 30 years, recalls the first meeting with senior staff after their purchase of Crystalate Holdings. Newman was sitting on a desk talking to the troops, oblivious to the fact that he was sporting one black and one brown shoe, when the chief executive of the US operation turned to Shipp and asked: "Does John always wear odd-coloured shoes? To which Shipp replied: "He's got another pair exactly like that at home."

THE regulator being given the run-around by South West Trains, owned by Stagecoach, over widespread cancellations on the lines into Waterloo and elsewhere is the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising or Opraf. It was swiftly and cruelly dubbed Riff-raff in the industry. Now somebody has worked out - whiling away the hours on a station platform, perhaps? — that the Office of etcetera, etcetera is an anagram of "Riffraff Asleep in Recognising Chaos".

Timely job offer

TIM SCORE, who yester-day stepped into Nicholas Webster's shoes as finance director at William Baird. shares something in common with his new boss. David Suddens, who took over as chief executive of the textile company almost a year ago, and is busily gathering his own army to prepare for Willy Baird's future, is a fitness fanatic and keen rower. According to Suddens: "The reason I took Tim on was because of his rowing times - his weren't as good as mine. This means I can keep him firmly

under my control." MORAG PRESTON

Small players run out of fuel on the long road to recovery

Casualties are rife in the

petrol war

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moty forecourts. padlocks on the petrol pumps and shutters down on shopfronts - an ever more frequent sight for motorists as the petrol retailing industry continues its vicious contraction. Last year, some 1,500 petrol stations closed in Britain, a decline of 10 per cent and more than double the rate of

the previous year. Petrol station numbers have been shrinking for more than a decade but the rate of attrition among independent dealers is accelerating and the reasons are well-known. Big oil companies, led by Esso, have been discounting the price of petrol: for long periods last year they were selling the product at a loss in a bid to restore market share lost to the hypermarkets. Esso will not reveal the cost of its Pricewatch campaign but it has yet to deny industry estimates that it lost £200 million, while BP disclosed that the price war in the UK cost its downstream business some £85 million.

Overall, petrol retailers in the UK have lost about £1 billion. According to Wood Mackenzie, the oil consultant, the average gross margin earned from selling a litre of unleaded petrol has fallen 3p a litre since 1994, the year before Esso began Pricewatch trials. That reduction spread over the 29.5 billion litres of fuel sold in the UK amounts to a loss of about £890 million and Wood Mackenzie reckons the majors will continue their squeeze on the market. The UK retail market is only a small part of their worldwide operations. To carry on this battle, you have to have a long-term commitment to the market, ie. you have to be one of the majors or it is your only business, in which case you fight tooth and nail."

The irony is that the underlying petrol market is remarkably healthy. Last year, the volume of road fuel sales grew 4 per cent, the best increase companies prepared to throw their money into this battle when they could be profiting

from economic recovery? If you believe the majors, the enemy is the hypermarket. Huge volumes and low overheads allow superstores to sell petrol at tiny gross margins — 3p a litre — without suffering losses Most service stations. which must pay rent and rates out of lower volume business, need margins of 6p to 7p to stay



Prices are forever changing on the forecourt as companies respond to reductions by rivals

in the black. Esso launched its campaign to match the superstore prices when it realised in 1995 that its market share had fallen from 20 per cent to lo per cent, largely because of discounting by hypermarkets. That might ring true, except that the facts get in the way. Esso claims its marketing campaign has succeeded in restoring its market share. But at whose expense? The hypermarkets continue to expand; figures from the Institute of Petroleum's Retail Mar-

that the grocers creased the sites that sell petrol by 6.5 per cent in a year in which the total number of petrol retailmore than 10 per cent. The contraction

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of independent dealers - sites owned and managed by private operators who have an agreement with an oil company to supply their brand of petrol. Big oil companies, such as Esso and Shell. have been reducing their independent dealer network. Without huge volumes, independents cannot afford to run at the tight

margins imposed by the discounters. The biggest reduction in dealer network last year was at Frost Group owner of the Save brand -

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which saw its chain shrink from 1,144 sites to 614, mainly because of a deliberate strategy of resisting price cuts. Sites owned by independent Save operators fell from 600 to about 200.

Frost Group was once the industry discounter. Two years ago, the expansionist Frost acquired Burmah's chain only to see its plans scuppered by Pricewatch. The market turmoil caused Frost to do an about-face, preferring to sacrifice sales to preserve

profits. The company has lost about 40 per cent of its Frost, chairman, clearly believes that Esso's Pricewatch campaign is aimed at independent dealers, not

the hypermarkets. "The majors

supply petrol to dealers at a loss." Mr Frost suggests that the big oil companies would not be able to sustain their discounting campaign without the huge upstream earnings from producing crude oil. He points out that Pricewatch has coincided with a high crude price and exceptional up-stream profits for the big oil companies. "I have not got any upstream margins to dip

into," he says. Frost will probably survive, largely because of its 400strong company-owned chain, which produces sufficient volume to support Frost's slimmed-down overheads. However, smaller dealer networks will continue to suffer and could lead to more indus-try consolidation. Ian Jermin. analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, says that the three-tier structure of the petrol retailing industry could collapse, leading to higher prices.

t the top are the oil majors who tradi-tionally sold petrol at premium prices. In the middle are the independents who discounted from the major's benchmark price and at the bottom are the hypermarkets, selling the cheapest product. Mr Jermin concludes: "Take out the middle tier and everybody moves up a peg." Consolidation is already in progress, propelled by Pricewatch and the UK's oversupply of gasoline. The country has too many inefficient refineries, a factor which propelled Gulf, Elf and Murco to enter into a tripartite venture to consolidate two refineries at Milford Haven. The GEM merger followed BP and Mobil's decision to combine their downstream businesses in Europe and speculation is rife that weaker players such as Repsol, the Spanish oil group, Q8, owned by Kuwait Petroleum, and UK Petroleum. part of Powell Duffryn, wili either merge with a bigger player or shut down their UK

The process could take a long time and will be messy. For the big oil companies, the losses are manageable if the strategy can produce profits in the longer term. Refining complicates the picture: shutting down a refinery and restoring the site could cost hundreds of millions of pounds. Without a retail chain, some oil companies would have little reason to keep their refineries pendent retailers source their fuel from abroad.

In the end, oil companies will have to recognise that their brands have little significance to UK consumers. The virtual disappearance of Mobil, subsumed by BP, and the decision by Esso to sell petrol on price alone is a step along that road. But it is an expensive journey and the industry could easily lose another billion or two



Albanian factor hovering over pensions poser

near-term threat to eqduity markets: trouble in earthquake-prone Japan. This week, a probable longterm promise the European pensions crisis. It may seem odd to describe a grinding fiscal problem as a promise of wealth, but the logic is clear enough. All the prosperous Continental countries have pension schemes that will become virtually insupportable as the dependency ratio — the number of workers available to support each pension — falls. It is about four and a half at the moment it will be only a little more than two by 2030.

Something has to give. Existing schemes can only work with higher taxes and lower pensions — both politically intolerable. The modern answer to politically insoluble problems is to privatise them. A Continental switch into personallyowned pension funds, on the British model, seems inevitable. Once complete, this change would generate a flow of new money into the security markets rising to some \$300 billion a year in today's money, or about 4 per cent of the total market capitalisation of the four biggest European economies. Enough, according to Lombard Street Research, to double security prices within a couple of decade:

A crippling liability turned, at a stroke, into an asset? It sounds too good to be true, and it is. Critics of pay-as-you-go pensions like to compare them to Albanian pyramid investment pyramid schemes: fine if you buy early and cash in early, but ruinous later. What they overlook

is that private funded schemes are also potentially Albanian. They add to capital funds as long as they are accumulating; but as the retired draw them down again, funds can be sucked out, and values collapse. These schemes are politically abolish political responsibility; but they will work economically only if the build-up of funds adds to real

wealth, not just paper values. This is possible, but not proven. It does seem likely that the availability of cheap investment capital has added to growth in high-saving

US; but on the downside, a changeover is initially very expensive. The new privatefund generation still has to pay for the old pay-as-you go benefits while saving for its own future; this double burden - which is also a political problem - must depress spending income, which is bad for growth. Against that, the British example looks hopeful: Mrs Thatcher took the first swine at the old pay-as-you go system; funded pensions have boomed, yet British growth has been better than

in unreformed Europe.

But that growth has been assisted by the greatest bull market in history, which has made funding cheaper and more attractive. Europe cannot take such luck for granted. Or can it? We are really back where we came in. A Continental pensions reform would mobilise large new funds for the securities markets, and sustain that flow until the new funds matured. All the same, the effect on prices would surely not be as dramatic as the Lombard Street arithmetic suggests. Securities markets are now global so the impact of new saving should be measured against world rather than merely European market capitalisation; say I per cent a year.

odest, then, though still not trivial, and undoubtedly positive. Other things being equal, pension reform on the Continent should give legs to the bull for several years; but hardly the legs to escape, say, a Wall Street panic.

Pension reform is difficult and unpopular so it needs confident leadership to put it in hand. Thatcher did it, Blair promises to extend it, Kohl could have done it until recently but may have wasted his prestige on EMU. France is a doubtful starter. Chirac to the radical. The current Italian coalition looks too fragile to embark on a longternt project.

So even if pensions reform looks inevitable, it is likely to be slow. The Euro cavalry will not ride to the rescue of equity investors for a few years, at best.

Accountants spoiling for a scrap rally to their standards boards

Robert Bruce watches attempts at global the world of financial reporting. A race is on to try to produce international harmony turn into a battle for supremacy and universally acceptable fi-

nancial reporting rules by this time next year. The prize is a simple one. Those rules, theoretically, would provide the key for any company in any country to unlock the opportunity of a listing on US stock markets. The problem is that this is unlikely to happen. And even if it does, existing domestic rules would still be out of kilter with the new and harmonised rules in several key areas. Finance directors argue that this is unfair, yet they have made little fuss about it and made little effort to become involved in the rule-making process

And there is the politics. There are three main bodies involved. One is international, the other two domestic. The International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) sets the pace on producing a core set of global standards. This has always been its role, but in the past it was a question of sorting out agreement at the lowest common denominator level. Its mission was to ensure that countries that had no standardsetting body of their own could have some broad and accept-

able off-the-peg rules. The US Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) is the senior domestic body and the one which, traditionally. has set the pace. More recently the UK Accounting Standards Board (ASB) has come to represent the new reformist and practical wing of financial rule-

high-level reporting by multi-nationals and all companies." senior domestic bodies has taken kindly to the IASC, under But there the pouring of oil the rejuvenating leadership of on troubled waters came to a Sir Bryan Carsberg, in what is widely seen as its bid to gain stop. The IASC appears to feel global supremacy. Dennis that it's them or nobody and Beresford, the FASB's chief. that they have to position themselves as the sole surviving body." There is a logic to this. was in London last week to try to ensure that the broad objec-An international hody is needtives of financial reporting are not lost in a mass of political ed. But in the past the assumpmanoeuvring. "We all share a tion was that the FASB would common objective," he said, "to simply grow into that role. have international accounting Meanwhile, finance direcstandards which would lead to tors looking to the future find

that they are in difficulties. No one knows what the rules to gain a US listing will be. The IASC rules differ sharply from the normal UK accounting practices on both pensions and deferred tax, for example. And there seem to be no simple ways of squaring that circle. Beresford is critical of the

IASC's ability to finalise its core programme by its target of March next year. "Highly unrealistic," he said, pointing out other hurdles to be overcome.



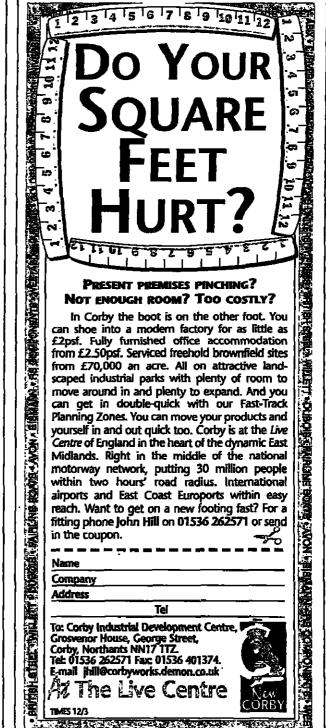
setting. Neither of the two Sir Bryan Carsberg leads the IASC which has ruffled feathers in Britain and America

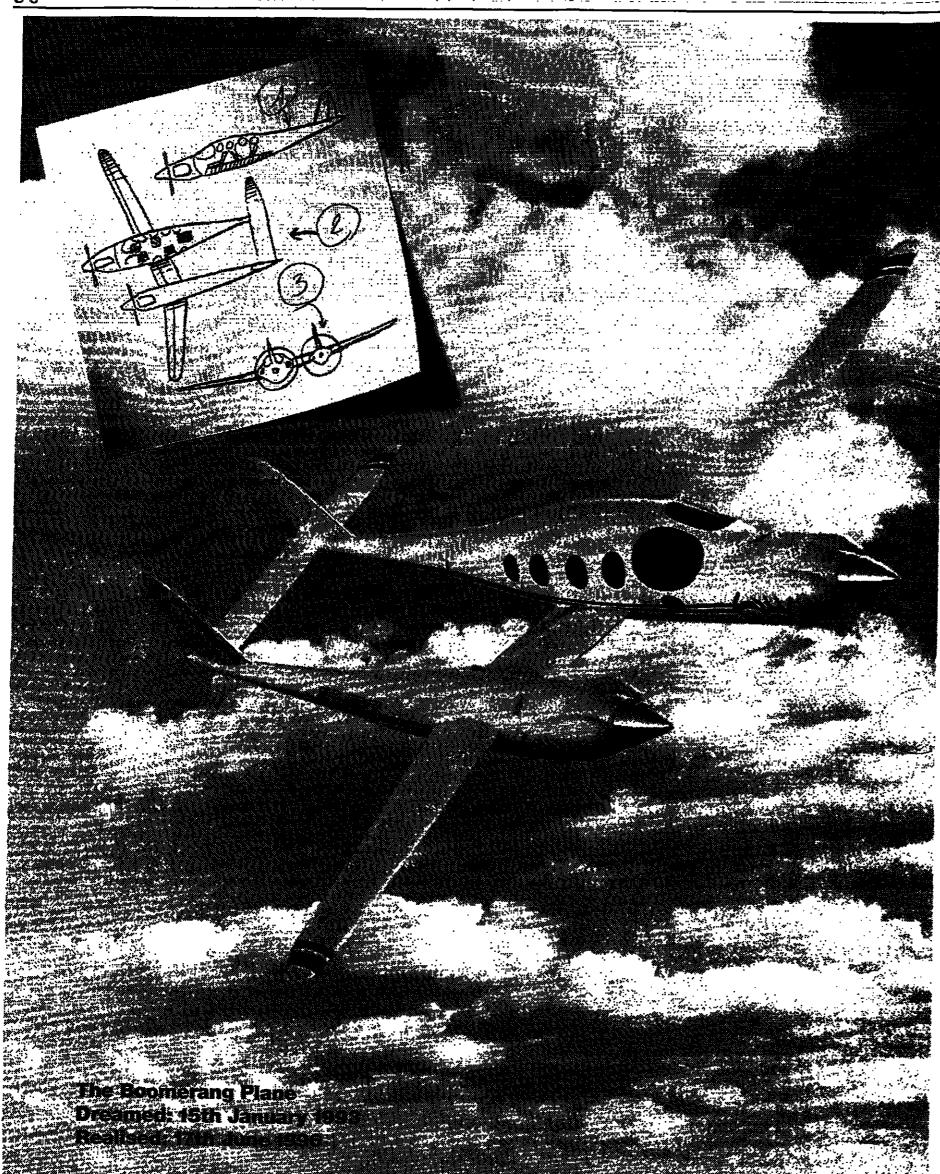
1OSCO, the international securities exchange body, then has to review the IASC's rules. People say that process will be perfunctory," said Berestord.
"But the chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission says there is no deal." Then the SEC has to go through its own process. The fireworks will then start.

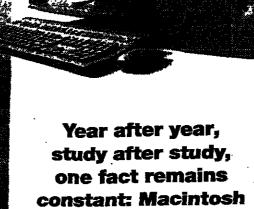
The IASC rules will not be identical with the US rules and in most cases, argues Beresford, they will be less stringent. The result will be furious arguments among US companies. Analyst organisations have said the IASC rules have to be the same as the US rules for them to be acceptable. The real problems will come not from companies outside the US but from US companies themselves. "Some companies." said Beresford, "will perceive the IASC rules to be more flexible and they will then say if those rules are fine to enable Nat-West Bank to list on the New York Stock Exchange then why not Chase Manhattan. US companies will want a level playing field."

For the US authorities, it is a dilemma. Companies are unlikely to take the inconsistencies of the position to its extreme. But Beresford suggested that "for example, General Motors could simply move its offices across the river into Canada and file under IASC rules".

The goals of good financial reporting in the UK may have become simpler in recent years. But the signs are that finance directors looking at overseas listings are going to find it all much more confusing.







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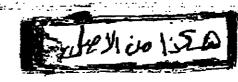
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Tideman leaves Australia

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CHRIS TIDEMAN, former director of Burton, is heading back home to Britain after unexpectedly resigning as chief executive of David Jones, Australia's upmarket retailer, less than two days before the company is expected to unveil a 50 per cent drop in half-year profits.

His sudden departure follows growing criticism from institutional shareholders about the way he was running the company and in particular his decision to open new stores in suburban areas of Australia. which many feared would take the company downmarket

Since Mr Tideman took up the job two years ago David Jones has issued four profit warnings. He had hoped to introduce more modern working practices at David Jones. He was formerly chief executive of Burton's retail arm and began his retailing career at Hepworth, the men's wear chain.

European market and Olympic Games help sportswear groups to healthy results

Disposal puts Pentland into red

PENTLAND GROUP, the sports and leisurewear group, went into the red last year because of the cost of disposing of its US electrical accesso-

Operating profits rose 28 per cent to £36 million but exceptional charges of £40.4 million resulted in a pre-tax loss of £3.8 million in the year to the end of December, and a loss per share of 5.25p, the company revealed.

This compares to a pre-tax profit of £32.3 million and earnings per share of 5.29p a year earlier.

Losses on the disposal of Woods Industries cost E32.3 million while E8.1 million was set aside for a writedown of the company's investment in the struggling LA Gear com-

Pentland is looking for a buyer for its last remaining non-core business, which is Holmes Products, a domestic electrical appliance producer. Pentland had a particularly strong performance from its Speedo, Ellesse and Kickers brands and has record order



Stephen Rubin, chairman of Pentland group, with models Kate Sexton, left, and Abbie French yesterday

busineses, it revealed yesterday. Turnover at Speedo, the swimwear brand, grew 19 per cent, helped by the high-

per cent of all Olympic medals

ing Aquablade suits. Sales of Aquablade, and of similar suits at the Atlanta Olympic athletes wearing Speedo, while three of the four world styled suits made of cheaper records set at the Georgia materials, are ahead of expec-Tech pool in Atlanta were tations. Pentland said.

sports and leisurewear brand, grew 50 per cent during the year, with operating profit rising by a similar amount. The order book for the first half of the current year is well ahead of last year's level. Kickers, the fashion foot-

wear brand, enjoyed a surge in sales and profit of more than 60 per cent. Its order book for this year is also

strong. Berghaus, the outdoor clothing brand, had a less successful year, with sales and operating profits down. The cost of setting up Reusch UK, the British branch of the German goalkeeping and ski glove business, meant a profit decline for that subsidiary. ing brand, had a less success-Losses continued at Mitre, the football company, although at a reduced level and with improved sales, Pentland said.

The company will pay a final dividend of 2.1p (1.95) per share on July 1, making a total dividend of 3.5p (3.3p).

Pendand also announced the appointment of a new

finance director. Nicholas Webster is joining from Wil-liam Baird, where he has been finance director since 1986.

Profits run well ahead at Adidas

BY A CORRESPONDENT

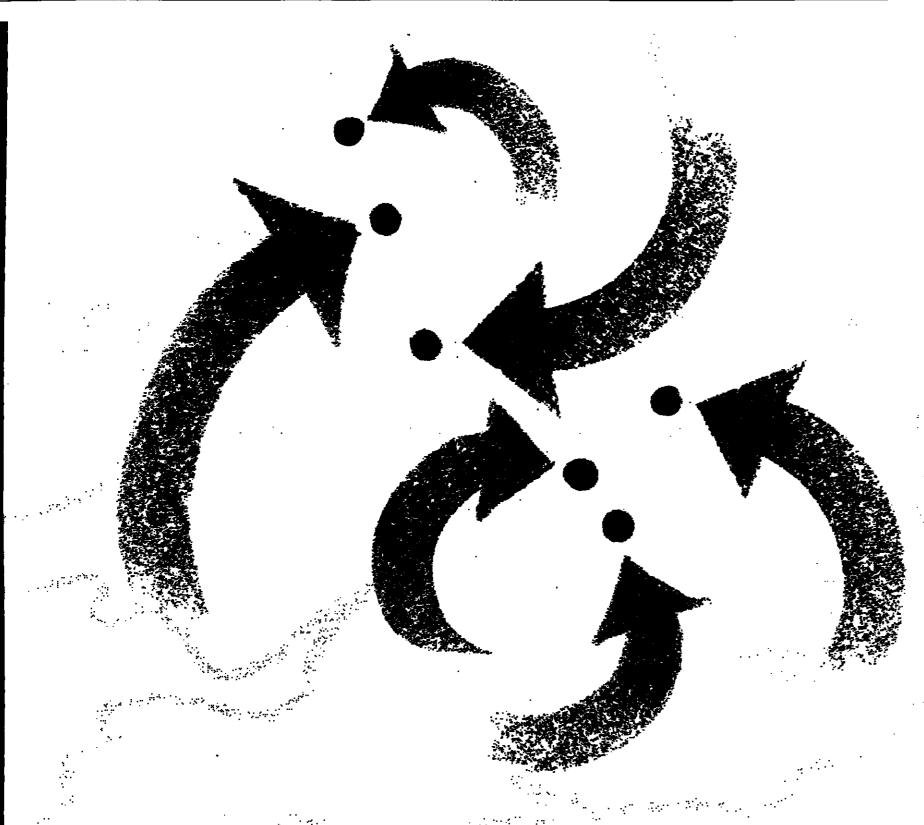
ADIDAS, the German sportswear manufacturer, achieved a 28 per cent increase in net profits, to DM314 million, last year, on sales that improved 35 per cent, to DM4.7 billion.

The gains were mostly pur down to a strong performance in Europe and success in North America and the Asia-Pacific region. European sales rose 33 per cent, helped by a strong performance in Britain. The group also enjoyed big sales gains in the Spanish and Swedish

The 1996 dividend DMI.10 a share, compared with 25 pfennigs in the previ-

ous 12 months.
Adidas, which secured stock market listing in Frank-furt and Paris in November 1995, said sales in the quarter of the current had risen 51 per cent ov first three months of las to DM995 million.

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European markets take Peek higher

PEEK. the traffic management group, lifted pre-tax profits-4 per cent to £12.6 million in 1996. Turnover rose 13 per cent to £162.1 million and earnings increased 4 per cent to 6.9p a. share. Traffic control systems account for over threequarters of group turnover with sales last year rising 14 per

Allen Standley, chief executive, said the best performance was seen in the UK and other European markets. Peek has won its first contract in the UK for a traffic enforcement system using digital cameras to detect traffic offences such as speeding and illegal parking. The final dividend is held at 2.35p, making an unchanged total of 3.4p. Mr Standley said US markets last year were "extremely difficult" with increased competition leading to price cutting and lower margins. The company's field data division, which makes measurement kits and rugged portable computers, lifted turnover by 9 per cent to £35 million.

Expamet back in black

EXPAMET International, the supplier of building and industrial products. returned to profit in 1996, earning £16.1 million before tax (£31,3 million loss). The profit included a net £9.5 million surplus from the sale of PAC International and Radionics, two electronic security businesses. Restruc-turing and disposal costs hit 1995 results. Profits before tax and non-recurring items were £7.2 million last year (£6.) million). Underlying earnings were 7.3p a share (6.19p). A final dividend of I.85p a share lifts the total to 3.3p from 3p.

Drug boost for Glaxo

SHARES of Glaxo Wellcome rose 33p to £11.50 after the UK drug company received Swedish Government approval to market naramig, a new treatment for migraine. Naramig has been approved for the acute treatment of the headache phase of migraine attacks with or without aura. Glaxo said, adding that it is the first regulatory approval for naramig. Sweden will now act as the reference member state under the European Commission's mutual recognition procedure.

WSP acquires Graham

WSP HOLDINGS, the consulting engineer, is acquiring Graham Consulting Group, a specialist civil engineering consultancy, for almost £3.6 million in cash and shares. Graham's turnover was £20 million in the nine months to the end of 1996. It has 540 employees in the UK. WSP also reported a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.3 million in 1996 on turnover up 11 per cent to £28.2 million. Earnings rose 15 per cent to 5.4p a share. The total dividend increases 9 per cent to 2.4p a share, with a 1.3p final.

Lang approves deals

IAN LANG, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said he has decided not to refer the proposed acquisition by Dana Corporation of Ingersoll-Rand Clark Hurth's business to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. He has also cleared the proposed acquisition by NT Acquisition on behalf of Ingersoll-Rand of Newman Tonks. The Government has also cleared the proposed Thermo Instrument acquisition of Life Sciences International.

BAA in Bali bid

BAA, the UK airport operator, is expected to secure a contract to operate and manage Bali airport in Indonesia. BAA, in consortium with AMP, the Australian fund manager, and Axiom, will take a 30 per cent stake in the airport for US\$50 million in return for a 20-year contract to operate and manage both the international and domestic terminals. The Indonesian Government will retain the remaining 70 per cent share. BAA is the only operator, bidding for the contract.

Write-off hits VHE

SHARES in VHE Holdings fell (5p to 80p after the building and construction company said that pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 would be below expectations because of a El.3 million write-off for costs incurred in an unsuccessful attempt to gain Government approval for a landfill site in South Yorkshire. The company said ordinary trading was satisfactory and operating profits to March 31, excluding this write-off, remain in line with expectations.

B&WA discusses sale

SHARES in Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, the motor distribution and leisure and holidays group, rose from 1981 to 1985 after the second state of the 238 2 p to 255p after the company said that it was in talks to sell its leisure division. The announcement had been made in the light of recent share price movements and a further announcement would be made in due course. The leisure division made £3.2 million in the year to December 31, 1995 on sales of £63 million, about one quarter of total turnover.

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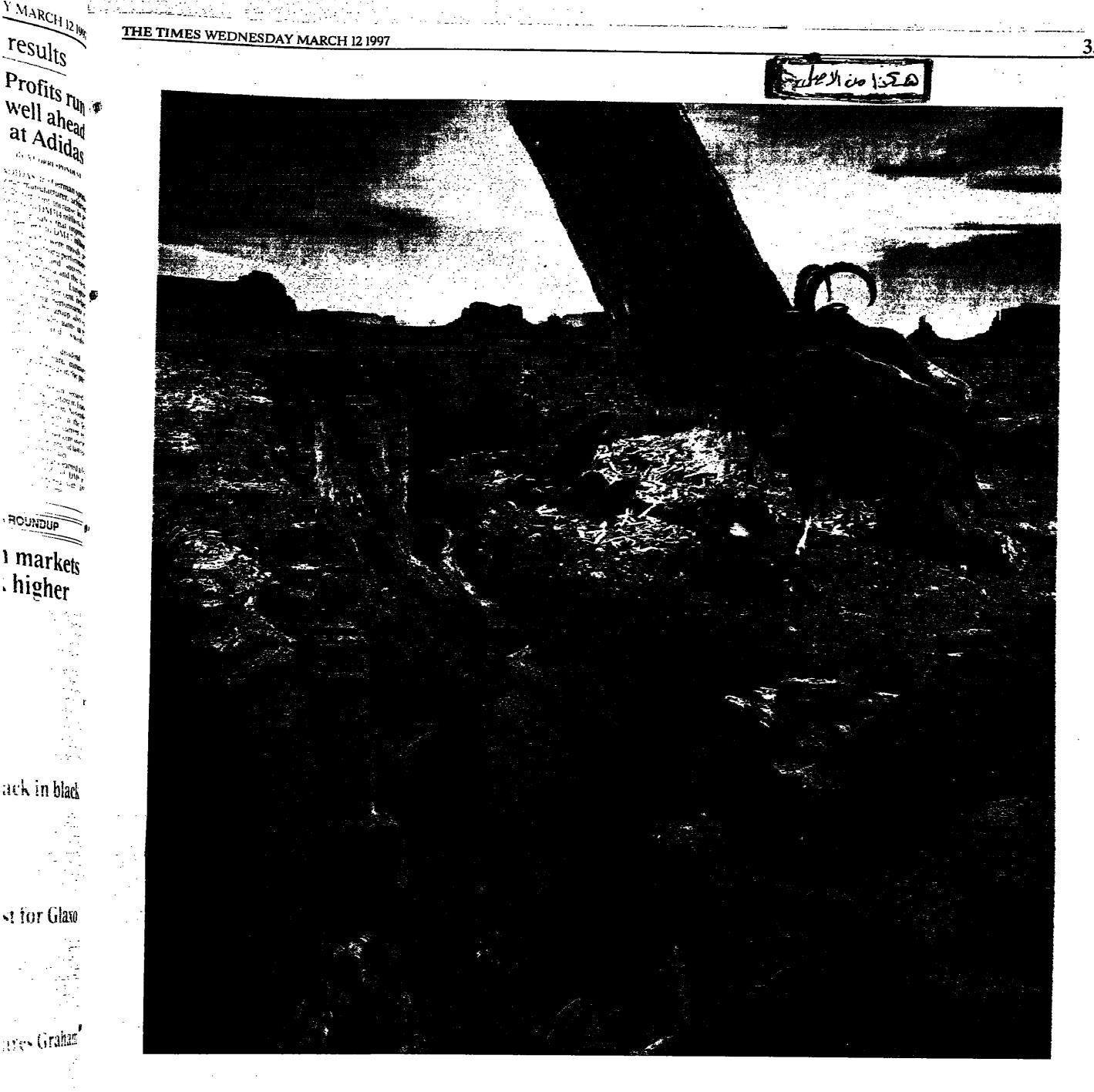
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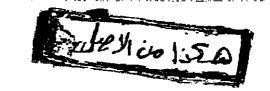
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■ DESIGN Over the top: two British architects take the world of bridges

by storm



MUSIC 1 Andrew Davis leads BBC forces through a Sounding the Century night of Stravinsky





. while Gidon Kremer's Schubert celebration at the Barbican



RISING STAR

After her sudden leap to fame in Trainspotting, Kelly Macdonald now faces a

Spectacular spanners in the work

Two British architects are designing the sort of bridges that bring gasps

nspired is the only word to describe the winning design by Chris Wilkinson and Jim Eyre for a new bridge over the Tyne. Quite apart from its dazzling grace, it is genuinely revolutionary in engineering terms, too, introducing an entirely novel form of opening bridge. Best of all, it is a runaway winner with local

perennially hostile to innovative design. "Bridges are conspicuous and there's a responsi-**6** Bridge them exciting," Wilkinson says.

people — one in the eye to all

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design has In fact Wilkinson and Eyre are moved into providing Britain's answer to the the realm breathtaking bridge designs of the Spanish archiof the tect Santiago Calamagical ? trava. The appeal of their bridges lies

in bold, sinuous curves, curves you would call in two parts, as half the dock is voluptuous if they weren't so elegant. They belong to a group of architects intent on reviving the thrill of bridge design, not by competing against engineers but working closely with them.

Newcastle was seeking a low-level footbridge across to the Baltic Flour Mills, now being turned into a museum of modern art. To achieve the 80ft clearance needed for the occasional tall ship to pass, the obvious solution would have been a drawbridge or swing bridge. Instead, Eyre came up with a novel idea for a bridge that opens like a giant eyelid. It is achieved by making the bridge deck as strongly curved as the arch that carries it. When down, the deck swings out dramatically over the water: when up, it becomes a virtually at the same time as second arch.

each time and try to develop the technology," says Wilkinson. Eyre expands this point:

> supersheds). They vere one of several architects and engineers short-listed to team up and the IRA bomb) Canary Wharf proper.

ters more complicated, the bridge had to be designed

price of one," says Wilkinson.

bridge, moreover, the masts and cables are all on a tilt. Thus the patterns created are far more varied than a simple straight line-up of cables fanning out from a vertical mast particularly when these wonderful geometries are re-

The bridge opens in May, two other Wilkinson and Eyre

"We push the boundaries The key is not to have too two bearings.

> design a foot-bridge linking South Dock (then flourishing before





■ MUSIC 2

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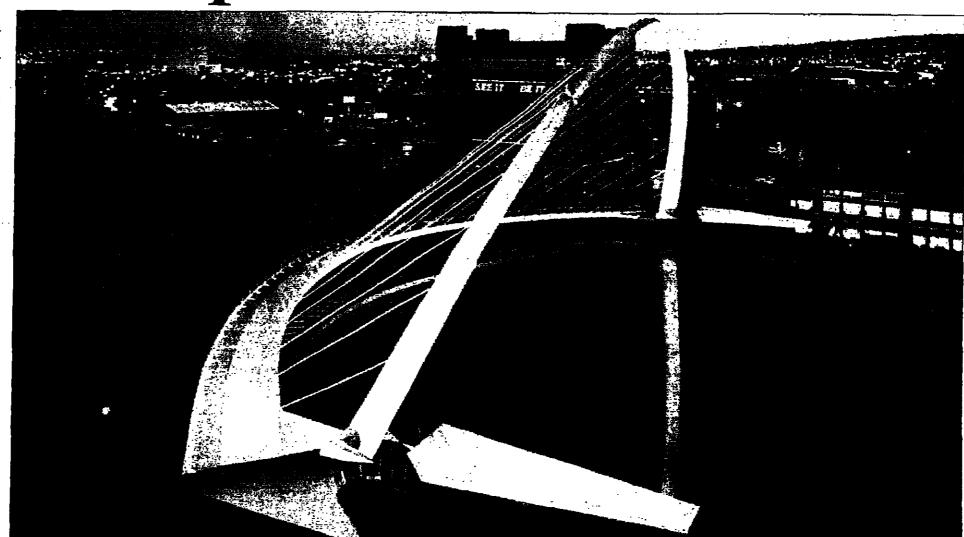
of approval. Marcus Binney reports

many moving parts. The whole bridge moves on just Their initiation into bridge design came in London's Docklands. The Development Corporation had admired Wilkinson's spectacular design for a vast new Jubilee Line train depot at Stratford (he has written a book on the virtues of

To make mat-

due to be filled in. Wilkinson and Eyre's solution was a snaking bridge formed of two equal curving sections, one reversed to form an S. One part will swivel to allow boats to pass. When the dock narrows, this will be realigned to connect the two banks and the redundant part will be moved to become a separate bridge near by. "Two bridges for the

In this cable-supported flected in the water.



Bridge across the Tyne: the Wilkinson and Eyre design, a structure of dazzling grace that opens and closes like a giant eyelid, has been a success with the public and the critics

CONCERTS: Stravinsky well served by the BBC; mixed bag of Schubert dabs; stirring centenary for Brahms

bridges. The first is the Hulme Arch, a new "gateway" spanning one of the main southern road approaches to Manchester. This is intended to proclaim the resurgence of Hulme, an area blighted by mass clearance in the Sixties and severed by this very road.

The trick here is that the single arch carrying the bridge is set diagonally, so both roads go through it. At the last moment Wilkinson changed the profile to a dramatically taller parabolic arch.

Next came victory in a competition for a small £500,000 bridge in Bedford opening next spring, where they beat Calatrava himself into second place. Here a pair of bowed arches open out like butterfly wings, creating a piece of pure sculpture.

On a smaller but no less dramatic scale, their dramatic glass bridge across the atrium of the Science Museum will be the focal point when the new Challenge of Materials Gallery opens there next month.

The bridge has a glass deck formed of laminated glass 'planks" suspended from hundreds of cobalt steel wires no more than a sixteenth of an inch thick - "guitar strings" says Wilkinson. As people move across it, stress gauges connected to a fibre optic display system will change the colour of the glass.

Wilkinson and Eyre's success is due in part to the seductive appeal of their computer images, showing bridges and buildings glowing with light in the evening. The earliest were done by the architect Alan Davidson who now devotes all his talents to "computer renderings". Now Wilkinson and Evre have the machinery and skills to do their own. The results have the quality of heightened reality, without appearing artfully flattering — though in real life, wind-ruffled waters may make the reflections just a

touch less dazzling. The bridges themselves will undoubtedly glow, thanks to

the suffering and death.

winding off key.

brilliant use of built-in lighting: uplighters playing on the cables and masts; "light-emitting diodes" lasting up to 20 years set in the deck; and continuous bands of light along the undersides of the handrails.

Following the Calatrava ex-ample, Wilkinson and Eyre show bridge design moving from the sublime (awesome structures such as the Forth Bridge) to the magical, exciting and only half-believable. They now display all their

buildings at night, notably a design for a 1,600ft-long riverside sports centre for Stocktonon-Tees containing an indoor canoeing course. Glowing as brightly as a spaceship, it looks as great a sensation as any of Mitterrand's grands projets. Wilkinson and Eyre are on a roll. As people tire of minimalist austerity they offer a vision of the future that is adventurous, daring, graceful and technically on the edge, architecture's counterpart of

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament **KELLY MACDONALD**

Age: 21.

Profession: Actress.

Why does her face look so familiar? She made a sensational debut last year as Diane, the schoolgirl who has a one-night stand with Ewan McGregor in Trainspotting.

Previous credits? Nothing. Not even a school play. "I'd had no acting training either, apart from ten evenings with an amateur dramatics club at home in Glasgow when I was 16."



Debutante: She will make her first stage appearance in the British premiere of David Rabe's Hurlyburly at the Old Vic on March 24. "I have no idea how I'm going to deal with an audience. I might be shocking."

How did she become Diane? She was working in a Glasgow pub when she heard about the auditions. After a "terrifying" screen test with McGregor, the part was hers.

The Trainspotting effect: Offers of work have flowed in. She played a child abuse victim in the Screen Two drama, Flowers of the Forest, and a prostitute in the film Stella Does Tricks. She has also finished shooting her first period role, in Balzac's Cousine Bette.

Pause for thought: "Everything has happened incredibly fast. But I'm starting to feel a bit more comfortable with ending up an actress. This is what I want to do."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

The stuff of legends

busy Sounding the Century with Stravinsky, the BBC Symphony Orchestra offered on Friday one of several rites of spring — and possibly the most fragrantly vernal of them all. The story of Persephone, daughter of the corngoddess Demeter, and of her seasonal journeyings between world and underworld. drew from Stravinsky some of his most gentle. leisured music.

But there were few longueurs in a performance conducted by Andrew Davis which formed a stimulating and illuminating complement to Oedipus Rex after the interval.

The tender skin of Persephene is deceptive: under its surface lie some tough and teasing rhythms. The BBC Symphony Chorus and New London Children's Choir reanimated André Gide's text with virtuoso energy, matching the orchestra's springing articulation and Davis's own irresistible momentum.

Irène Jacob's flinty native French found just the right semi-ritualised register for Persephone's narrations. As

BBCSO/Davis Festival Hall/Radio 3



Stravinsky: gentle music with a hard underbelly

the tenor Eumolpus, priest of Donald Kaasch gave an authoritative and ringingly clear performance, although much of the plangency of Stravinsky's writing was missed.

The archaic oboe solo which accompanies Persephone's descent to the realm of Pluto: the zombie-like digital movement of the Shades in harp, piano and horn; and Persephone's autumnal string quartet all took on three-dimensional life

in the hands of the BBCSO's

The orchestra was, if anything, over-apparent in Oedipus Rex — Alan Opie's Creon and Messenger had to fight to be heard over its mighty clamour. So not all the "living statues" of Stravinsky's operaoratorio stood out in the relief the composer intended. Jon Garrison was a high but constricted tenor. Oedipus. Louise Winter a smouldering Jocasta, Samuel West an indif-

Again the glory of the performance was its Chorus here the men's voices of the BBCSC — pushing against the barline, kicking their way consonants, and stage-managing both bronzed glory and dark, valedictory grief with consummate skill.

ferent Narrator.

HILARY FINCH

ONE of the enduring enig-mas of Schubert's music is the No room co-existence of pain and bleakness with an unclouded for light lightness of spirit. In his imaginative series Schubert, A Contemporary Celebra-

irony and bitterness. The

tion, the violinist Gidon Gidon Kremer Kremer aims to reflect the Barbican music as a "living emotional truth". But the echoes that returned on Friday seemed unable to reach out beyond

shape and harmony of a phrase from Death and the John Harbison's piano quartet, November 19, 1828, Maiden makes a brief visit. follows Schubert's passing only to be wrestled away. into the next world, and The performance of the coming upon his own music Schnittke exposed an imbalstrangely altered. Phrases on ance within the ensemble. the piano are turned upside Kremer is a fevered advocate down by the strings, a rondo of Schnittke, his wiry, mercufragment becomes an ugly, rial sound, now flashing, now syncopated unison tune, unbarely sounding, operates in an arena of extremes. Against

this, Clemens and Viktoria Hagen, the cellist and violist of Salzburg's Hagen Quartet, brought their characteristic poise and an understated grace.

In the Schnittke, Viktoria Hagen was a weak link in terms of sound and attack But in the Trout Quintet, which followed in the second half, she excelled in the close passages with cello. Clemens Hagen, a player of great refinement, provided the perfect cello answer to the Trout's opening motif, but the contrast made Kremer seem almost giddy. He erupted into an invigorating scherzo,

HELEN WALLACE

seeming most at home with

the Schubert of high jinks and

a streak of violence.

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A team to follow

WHEN the Cologne Radio Symphony Orchestra last toured here, two years ago, it proved itself to be one of the more competent German ensembles of its kind. Now, with Hans Vonk in his sixth year as its principal conductor, it is better than most of them.

If the woodwind is not as reliable as it was, there is more than enough compensation for that in the newly cohesive, almost luxuriant sound of the strings. Even more interesting is that the relationship between the conductor and the orchestra. which had seemed forbiddingly serious in 1995, is now more relaxed and correspondingly more congenial.

True, they were not playing Bruckner this time, but there is nothing frivolous about a Brahms symphony either, least of all on the hundredth anniversary of the composer's death.

Fur the Cologne RSO celebrating Brahms is an occasion for displaying affection and for reacting with unaffected spontaneity to the more inspired ideas. Just why Vonk chose to present the Scherzo and the finale of the Fourth Symphony as though they

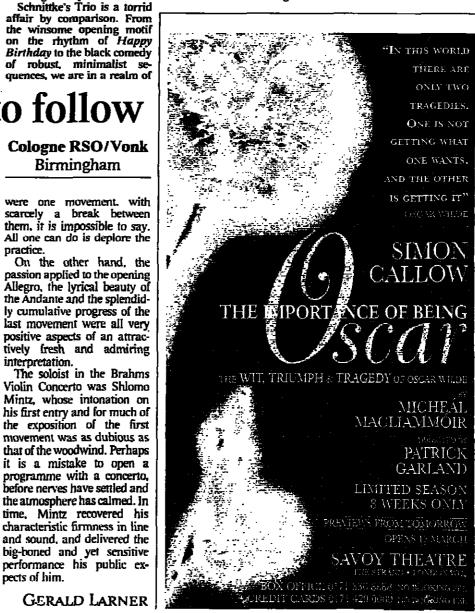
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were one movement, with scarcely a break between them, it is impossible to say. All one can do is deplore the

On the other hand, the passion applied to the opening Allegro, the lyrical beauty of the Andante and the splendidly cumulative progress of the last movement were all very positive aspects of an attractively fresh and admiring interpretation. The soloist in the Brahms

Violin Concerto was Shlomo Mintz, whose intonation on his first entry and for much of the exposition of the first movement was as dubious as that of the woodwind. Perhaps it is a mistake to open a programme with a concerto. before nerves have settled and the atmosphere has calmed. In time, Mintz recovered his characteristic firmness in line and sound, and delivered the big-boned and yet sensitive performance his public expects of him.

GERALD LARNER



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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

Stiligos and Skellern Rambling On (Queon Brzabeth Hall, 7.45pm). Richard Shirges and Peter Skellern promise an evening of sophisticated wit and song South Bank Centre SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight, (0)

ELSEWHERE SIRMINGHAM A list visit to Symphony Hall for the acclaimed soprano Amanda Roccioft. Her chosen programme for this evening is concert includes works by Handel, Schumann. Strauss. Berg, List; and Parry Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tomght, Bpm. (§)

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how do you make a largely forgotten 90-year-old story and nine years old, and whose only complaint was against into a six-part television series, as Abraham and Portobello the constricting authentic cos-Pictures have just done for the tumes they had to wear. BBC? It was a producer's night-Tilda is a ten-year-old circus mare: two children and a dog acrobat who hears a dying in the leads, period settings

TELEVISION:

Simon Tait on

the making of a

pint-sized

period 'classic'

ooet, a fearsome Cambridge don and the renowned editor

of the Oxford Book of English

Verse. He was also the model

for the charming Ratty, creat-

Grahame; J.M. Barrie's gos-

sip and sounding board; and a

man who loved nothing more

than to go home to Fowey in Cornwall and mess about in a

More importantly for the

BBC, however, he was the

creator of what it calls "an

evergreen children's classic",

opaquely Edwardian as to

make it, in producer Eric

Abraham's words, almost in-

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The prose of True Tilda is so

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True Tilda.

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Couch wore many

hats. He was an acer-

bic literary critic and

mother's clue to her son's secret inheritance. So she helps the boy to confound the owner of the orphanage he has been consigned to - John Shrapnel's truly Victorian villain, complete with handlebar moustache. There's a circus. travelling actors, boats and canals, horses, caravans and remarkable performances by the two children. Morgan Bell

A COMMON sight at early gigs by

Bay Area guitarist Charlie Hunter was

of audience members scratching their

heads wondering where the Ham-

mond B-3 sound was coming from.

These days, though, with three Blue

Note albums under his belt, Hunter

ly made eight-string guitar - three

bass strings, five for lead and rhythm

purposes - and to the various electron-

ic gizmos with which he produces the

extraordinary range of sounds and

Hunter's interest in all things guitar-

related dates back to his early teens,

when his guitar-repairer mother en-

couraged him to take up the instru-

ment as a distraction from more

antisocial hobbies. After a spot of

tutoring with Joe Satriani, exposure to

textures that ornament his playing.

it has sat on a shelf for so long, but if it was recrafted in and Eric Graves, who are ten modern English it would be an all-time classic."

Two kids and a dog: Eric Graves and Morgan Bell with their four-legged co-star

Richard Carpenier did the recrafting for television, having done the same for The Borrowers, and the quality of and, because the action moves the script, director Ross from Birmingham to Bristol. Devenish says, relieved some 82 locations — the orphanage of the pressure of the punishalone is in three different ing ten-week shooting schedplaces, and the Birmingham ule. "It was a script with so of 1908 is really the Halifax of "But it's such a cracking

much action, so much vision. so much animation. about beautiful country. The children turned out to be an example to the rest of us in professional discipline. The problem member of the cast

was the dog: I had to sack the first one."

Abraham was a BBC correspondent in apartheid-ridden South Africa who escaped from house arrest under a hail of builets to England, became a Panorama producer and went into drama production for the BBC with Olivia Manning's Fortunes of War. In 1989 he made the awardwinning film of Roald Dahl's Danny, Champion of the World, which he came upon through his son, then eight. He rang Dahl and over lunch did the deal. "I also made a promise to my daughter Natasha, who is now eight,

that having made Danny for Alexis I had to make a family series for her, and Tilda was it," Abraham says.

The series has cost at least £2 million, a good 25 per cent more than the average for drama. Each year, £55 million goes to children's BBC TV, but how much of that is for drama. is not revealed. Abraham wants more generous funding for children's drama by broadcasters because it introduces the next generation of adult audiences to television drama especially to period drama.

hildren's drama budgets, he reckons, are about 60 per cent of those for adult diama because of the notion that in TV terms (ie, ratings) children are less important. The schedulers have only to transmit a well-made family or children's period drama in a weekend early-evening slot and accord it a proper publicity budget to disprove the. commonly held view that children's programming is a raiings desert," he says. Tilda is a classic drama

serial for a family audience whose production values equal and exceed those of any drama series emanating from the drama departments of British broadcasters." And children's drama is much more difficult to produce because the hours a child may work are legally limited. The filming schedule has to be considerably extended.

Making Tilda was sheer hell," Abraham says. "An enormous number of people have invested phenomenal amounts of time, energy, blood. Fortunately all the audience see is what's presented to them, and I'm very proud of that."

●True Tilda starts on BBC1 on Sunday at 5.30pm

Brenda Fincker, Miranda Richardson

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good story, brilliantly told,"

Abraham says. "That it's writ-

ten in this rather old-fash-

ioned form is one reason why

Explanations for his rapid rise were not hard to find in the easy-going but infectiously lively 90-minute set his quartet - tenor player Kenny Brooks. Canadian alto saxophonist Calder Spanier, drummer Scott Amendola played to a large and typically vociferous Jazz Café audience. Although his avowed jazz influences range from

Charlie Hunter Ouartet Jazz Café

JAZZ

Charlie Parker to Steve Coleman, and his rock roots tap the music of everyone from Bootsy Collins to Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix. Hunter restricts his band's basic live sound to a relatively specialised but wholly accessible musical area: the funky R&B-based shuffle. Typically, this involves Amendola

setting up a vigorous tattoo, liberally embellished with cross-rhythms and grounded by Hunter's bass strings. Over this hypnotic, highly danceable beat. Spanier's grainy alto swoops and swirls. Brooks's throaty tenor wails, and Hunter picks out neat, spangly When Hunter sensibly shifted runs. gears by closing his set with three pieces from his latest album, a reworking of Bob Marley's most famous recording, Natty Dread, he left the crowd baying for more.

Some of this enthusiasm might have been attributable to the cosy familiarity of such songs as Lively Up Yourself and the inevitable No Woman No Cry. but most of it was simply genuine admiration for a youthful original.

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wenty years ago, Woody Allen and Diane Keaton were wrestling with lob-sters on the kitchen floor in Annie Hall. John Travolta gyrated his way into audience's hearts in Saturday Night Fever. Bunuel made his last film. That Obscure Object of Desire, and Ridley Scott made his first. The Duellists. But one film looms above them all from 1977. It is Star Wars, George Lucas's tale of galactic civil war: and a film shortly to loom large

again following its release in a "special edition". gleaming with several minutes of extra footage, a digitally remastered soundtrack, and some

new special effects. It was the spring of 1977 when Americans first encountered farm boy Luke Skywalker, two chatty robots, and a mercenary pilot called Han Solo, who helped to free

Princess Leia's planet from the grip of the evil Empire forces. "Outstanding adventure-fantasy," said the trade paper Variety. "All-age appeal. Huge outlook."
Huge indeed: the film is now in

the Variety hall of fame as the fourth-highest earner in movie history. Adjustment for inflation would probably place it at No 2, below Gone with the Wind. But the success and importance of Star Wars is not simply a matter of boxoffice grosses. Nor is it a matter of the accumulated merchandise. from late 1970s T-shirts to the latest CD-Roms, or the volume of fans who have made Lake Skywalker: the villainous Darth Vader, or the

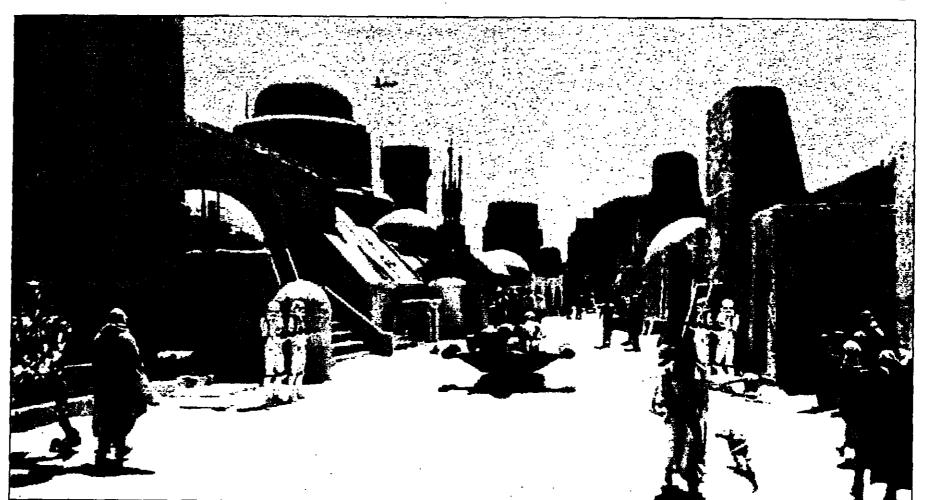
lifelong friends. Many films, after all, generate sequels and intense devotion, and earn huge piles of money, but Star Wars changed the

shape of cinema. To put it bluntly, after Star Wars movies became larger, louder, more artificial and less adult. True, in the 1970s popular cinema was already retreating from intimacy and thoughtful characterisation. and moving towards awesome spectacle rigurously geared to-

wards the widest possible audience. Aircraft. skyscrapers, ocean liners and Hollywood has-beens had been sabotaged, upturned, or burnt to a crisp in The Towering Inferno. The Poseidon Adventure and the Airport movies. Then, in 1975, Jaws raised its head, giving viewers the quakes as a shark chomped up

the supporting cast off the New England coast. Cinema as a mass entertainment was fighting its way back after being clobbered for decades by television.

But already there was a difference. The Airport brand of disaster movie was crafted by old-timers such as Irwin Allen, whose every thought was a cliché. Jaws was a young man's movie (its director, Steven Spielberg, was 27). The film was impish and self-aware, consciously playing with thriller traditions and the audience's feelings. George Lucas continued the "movie brat" tendency by creating in Star Wars a lavish homage to Saturday morning serials, Flash Gordon especially, mixed in with elements



A Tunisian village becomes the raffish outpost of Mos Eisley in Star Wars, the film by George Lucas that changed the course of cinema - for good and bad

from westerns, the adventure writings of Edgar Rice Burroughs, and even Arthurian legend. At the time of shooting, Lucas was all of 32. To judge by his imagination, however, he was knocking on 12.

Star Wars firmly established the pattern of modern blockbuster cinema. Its legacy is everywhere. The kind of antics once filmed cheaply, aimed at children, and shoved into serials or B-movies with a rough, crazy charm of their own are now presented in a hugely elaborate form, puffed up with selfimportance and the latest Hollywood technology.

Twenty years ago, some critics commented that such endeavours tended to produce big, empty movies lacking any reverberations. The critic Pauline Kael termed Star Wars "an assemblage of spare parts ... an epic without a dream".

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This is now more true than ever, but over time our senses have become so deadened, our expectations so shrivelled, that too lew audiences, critics or film-makers

Within a few years of Star Wars, cinemas were swamped with all kinds of intergalactic and superhuman adventures. That same year, 1977, Spielberg offered Close Encounters of the Third Kind, a science-fiction epic that bucked the trend and did have a dream, and an intelligence. In 1978, mild-mannered Clark Kent became Superman again. Then, in 1981, Spielberg and Lucas generated a new action hero, Indiana Jones, played by Harrison Ford, the pilot from Star Wars: although nothing was really

new about Raiders of the Lost Ark and its seguels. But it was not Star Wars alone

that drove the fashion for naive spectacle writ large. To make his film, Lucas established his own empire, away from Hollywood interference, and the excellence of his technicians created new standards for special effects. Lucas's company Industrial Light and Magic, formed specifically for Star Wars in 1975, paved the way for the creation of impossible sights through digital compositing rather than the established method of blending images on an optical printer. ILM remains the world

Oscars to prove it. Skywalker Sound is another Star Wars offspring, enhancing mixing facilities for movie soundtracks, enabling the grandiose music of John Williams to make itself heard above screams, shrieks and exploding planets. The next step was to

leaders in visual effects, with 14

ensure that theatres had equipment suited to convey such sonic bornbardment: hence the THX sound system, inaugurated in 1983 in the second Star Wars sequel, The Return of the Jedi.

Laser beam battles, monolithic

vessels creeping through the black night of space: Star Wars and ILM made their creation look so effortless. The latest technology has only increased the ease with which fantasies can be realised and, in the Star Wars special edition, Lucas has reworked some scenes to take advantage of the new finesse. Computer technology is also lowering the cost of generating each visual effect. But budgets are not declining as a result: Hollywood is simply cramming more and more startling sights into movies to keep the audience transfixed.

There is another kind of price to

Star Wars opens on March 21. Special editions of The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi follow next

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pay for special effects-driven cine-

ma: human beings lose out. The plot loses out. A film becomes a

catalogue of visual stunts, edited

for immediate impact. All was not

lost in Star Wars, which still placed

characters in the foreground, and

spent considerable time on the

cross-talking robots. R2-D2 and C-

3PO, and the tug of loyalties

But you can read the future in

this film, for good and bad. A synthetic popular cinema that is super-efficient and knowing, but

lacks the soul and imagination to

generate true wonder. A cinema

mistrustful of intelligence, afraid of

quietness. A cinema of perpetual

between the humans.

adolescence.

Sins of the father and the son

The building at 21 Dean Street used to be a synagogue above which, I'm told, there were rooms where people played whist. Now there are temporary stalls where the male worshippers once sat, a balcony where the women were segregated, and, no -doubt, dressing rooms where ageing card-players sedately

trumped each other. Thanks to a grant from the lottery, the synagogue is in the process of being turned into a permanent theatre for one of our most enduring fringe companies. Several years after it moved from WI to Lisson Grove, the Soho Theatre Company is back where it belongs, in the tacky old heart of Soho

itself. I wish I could be more than - oo or 70 per cent enthusiastic about the opening production that Soho's artistic director. Abigail Morris, is staging in its new home. Lin Coughlan, who can create a strongish character and turn a sharpish line, is clearly the sort of dramatist the company exists to encourage. But Waking is one of those father-and-son dramas, more often found in America than here, which tend to get summed up as sensitive: meaning that it gently ruffles the mind but does

not seize the THEATRE heart or fill the

stomach. It might al-Waking most be a Martin

McDonagh play with the black cornedy extracted. Like his Cripple of Inishmaan, it is set in the extreme west of Ireland, and, like his Beauty Queen of Leenane, it is about a parent and child deeply at odds. Steve Nicolson's Michael is bringing his 13-year-old son, Brian (Lee Turnbull), from England

21 Dean Street

on a duty visit to his father, Sean (James Greene).

American back porch with cemetery sculpture, and he seems a pleasant enough codger. But Michael, a macho sailor lately invalided out of the Royal Navy with a shattered leg, can barely speak to him, so embittered is he by the vaguely evoked sins Sean committed years ago.

Certainly, Michael's onenote hostility would become <u>Marilyn king</u>wi



One-note hostility from Steve Nicolson's Michael, and some much-needed variety from Nicola Redmond as Sarah

intolerable were it not for the former nun from next door. Sarah is not a deeply explained or explored character. either, but she is finely acted by Nicola Redmond and she

variety into the evening. She also gives the first act a quaintly old-fashioned curtain-line. Enter Michael, who has been searching a cupboard for a hurley stick: "It's piled high with Sarah's clothes. How long have you two been living together? Shock, horror - or rather, mild, minor surprise.

introduces some much-needed

had better not reveal the ending, except to say that it is preceded by a longish vigil beside Sean's deathbed and that, when Michael complains that dying is just another of the old boy strategies for getting attention. he does not 100 per cent mean

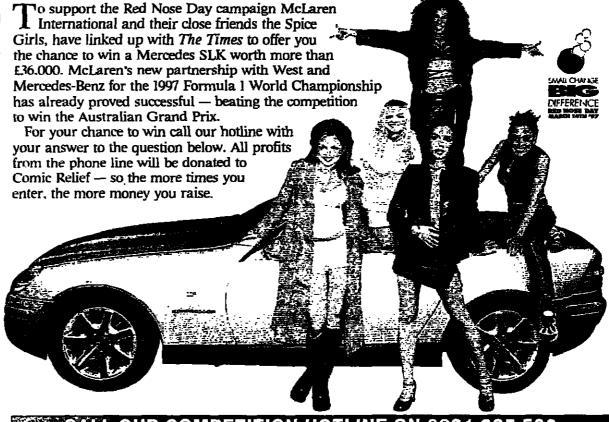
Is or isn't there one of those reconciliation scenes mandatory in American father-andson back-porch plays? Does or doesn't sentiment or sentimentality find its way onstage? I wish Coughlan had made me care more about the answers to those questions.

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staff are faring and what the future holds. The information comes from confidential questionnaires sent out to 516 companies, employing a total of 224,000 staff, across the UK. It shows that:

☐ Salaries have inper cent to creased year on year by 3 per cent. The average salary' salary for central London is £16,965, for outer London £15,383 and throughout the rest of Britain £14,376. Central London therefore pays 10.3 per cent more than outer

☐ Bonuses are offered by 47.5 per cent of companies. The average bonus adds an extra 6.82 per cent to salary. However, the vast majority of bonuses are not guaranteed. ☐ Almost 20 per cent of companies offer season ticket loans and health

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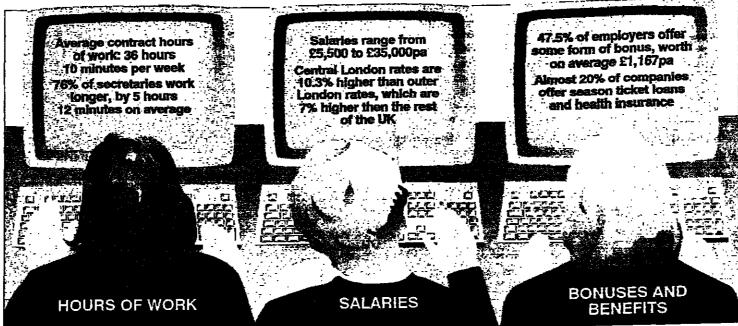
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include pensions, private health insurance, subsidised or paid lunches, profit-related pay, or discounts on own goods or services. Head offices offer the greatest number of benefits, the architects' sector (including quantity surveyors, structural engineers and commercial interior design) generally oliers the fewest

☐ The average number of contract hours a week is 36 hours 10 minutes, but 76 per cent of staff have to work longer, by a reported average of 5 hours, 12 minutes. Of those 76 per cent of companies, only 14 per cent reported paying overtime. The principal ways of doing this were time-and-a-half, fixed remuneration and time

☐ The majority of companies, 87 per cent, conduct yearly salary reviews. Three per cent hold reviews twice yearly, 3.2 per cent hold irregular reviews and 6.8 per cent of companies either do not have reviews or did not respond. ☐ Head offices offer the highest average salaries, at £19,864. Publishing (including newspapers, magazines, books) offers the lowest average at £15,781.

☐ The accountancy sector appears to entice the longest average length of service, with 512 years. Advertis-



ing attracts the shortest length, with two years eight months. ☐ Almost two in three companies invest in training for support staff. Average budgeted amount for this is £847 for each employee.

☐ Almost 90 per cent of company executives now do at least some of their own typing. ☐ More than a third of companies continue to hold language skills to

be of "no importance".

According to Richard Grace, of Gordon Yates, the average salary increase of 3 per cent — not far above the rate of inflation — shows that companies are still wary of sticking their necks out on higher salaries. They fear that a future downturn in their business might land them with salary levels they could not afford to maintain.

However, Mr Grace says, while companies may be becoming

meaner over pay rises, there has been a significant leap in the number of discretionary-based bonuses that they are paying out -and at often substantial figures.

A junior secretary could be given an average bonus of £886 a year while a chairman's PA could be awarded an average £1,257. This system allows companies to award a form of pay rise to deserving staff while keeping the option of pulling in their horns should the good

There has been an increase, Mr Grace says, in three, six and ninemonth contracts, but the vast majority of secretaries and support staff are still in permanent jobs, although their roles are changing. The one-to-one boss-secretary relationship is rare now. Flexibility and the ability to work within a team is all important.

"The word secretary is becoming a misnomer. Companies are not looking for 60 words a minute, they are looking for support staff who are client-focused and have presentation skills." Mr Grace says. "But even the talking PC, where execu-tives can dictate to a computer rather than a secretary, should not be seen as the death knell for the profession. There is an exciting future for those who are proactive and creative."

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One area where there has been little significant change over the years covers is the need for language skills. Fifteen per cent of companies in this report said that language skills were of considerable benefit, 85 per cent felt they were of little or no importance.

So, closer co-operation in Europe appears to have made little difference to the attitudes of companies towards languages. But the need for bilingual and trilingual secretarial and support staff is growing yearly, especially among the in-creasing numbers of foreign companies who are based in the UK, where secretaries with such skills can command high salaries.

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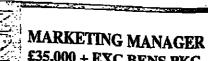
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Pipe dreams on after day of triumph

ANDREW LONGMORE



Tries to keep up with a non-stop champion

The mobile phone rang and its owner, with a barely percep-tible movement, handed it to a minion. "Sorry, no, you can't speak to him at the moment," the lad said. "He's busy." At the time Martin Pipe was hugging everyone in sight and explaining in that high-pitched monotone of his why Make A Stand had just won the Champion Hurdle.

He communicates in racespeak: "Made all, jumped well, ran on nicely up the hill." At his right hand was a copy of The Sporting Life. "Now who was riding? Yes, McCoy, great ride..." Getting him to stand still is a virtual impossibility. Completing a sentence is a great

triumph. Pipe is always busy. But yesterday at Cheltenham he was a study in business. He moved like a radiocontrolled mouse through the crowds, chatting to owners and jockeys, dispensing advice and a boyish sense of delight. His 12-strong assault on the opening day of the Festival had begun at 7 o'clock that morning, with two horseboxes full of talent heading north from his Nicholashayne yard, and it ended at just past five, with a second Champion Hurdle and a Guinness Arkle Trophy, won by Or Royal, safely added to his morning tally of 14 Festival winners. Even his 100-1 shot. Nordic Breeze, took home a handy £7,324 for finishing third in



Pipe takes a second to accept the plaudits of the crowd after Make A Stand's Champion Hurdle victory. Photograph: Marc Aspland

the opening Supreme Novices' Hurdle

I doubt if Pipe has ever smiled so much in one day. He had good cause. This time last year, Pipe was mourning the loss of two of his runners. Worse, a few misguided punters who saw the demise of the young and talented Draborgie decided to vent their anger on the trainer. Pipe was shocked by the reaction and, for a moment, must have wondered if the rumour factory that has always worked overtime to discredit his Pipedreams had whirred into action once more. The Cook Report accused him of treating horses like machines and Pipe was more hurt by the allegations than he cared to

"He became more protective and a bit nervous," David Johnson, the owner of Or Royal and a long-time friend, said. "I think he has relaxed a bit since those days, but he's always wound-up like a spring."
In a notoriously stolid world, the

bookmaker's son has dared to defy convention, to buy some secondhand medical equipment from Swindon General Hospital and set up a solarium for his horses, to borrow ideas from America. He has developed an intensive form of interval training and sends his horses out fit and ready to win. He rides a bike around his twin yards.

Up and down the country, trainers and punters scratched their heads in wonder at the sight of these Pipe-trained superhorses de-stroying opposition by the simple method of starting fast and finishing faster. Pipe won the trainers' title six times with barely a glance backwards and if a few horses and one or two stable jockeys — fell

by the wayside, then they clearly could not live at Pipe's pace.

"He has always looked at horses as human athletes and tried to shadow the way humans are trained," Johnson said. "But then he's not from a traditional racing background. Even now, he's a bookmaker at heart."

Sometimes it has taken an outsider to appreciate Pipe's imagination. When Jamie Evans arrived from Australia, with a big reputation as a jump jockey in his native land but nowhere to go, he ran into a wall of scepticism and one name.

"Pipe, Pipe, Pipe. I thought: Who is this Pipe?" the Australian said. "I looked him up. He's the man. He has more vision than most trainers. He doesn't live in the dark ages. He has gone out and found a better way of training horses. When I mentioned the use of pacifiers in Australia, blinkers with net-mesh cups to calm horses down, he immediately asked me to get some so he could have a look."

Only a Gold Cup winner eludes Pipe now, and a place in the public's heart. But his son, David, cannot imagine the day of fulfilment, nor the moment that his father might change the habit of a lifetime and relax. "He's addicted to winners," David said. Maybe the purchase of a holiday apartment in Brixham shows a sign of imminent slowing down. "Oh no. he's just had the Racing Channel installed."

As night fell over Prestbury, the celebrations in the Pipe racing tent were still in full swing. But the little man in the trilby and the battered sports jacket had long since sped for home, no doubt to check on his runners for today. Business as usual, in other words.

Osborne's loyalty rewarded by **Shadow Leader**

IT WAS a day for healing the soul. Demons may have stalked them for 12 months but Jamie Osborne and Martin Pipe wasted no time in cleansing their respective Cheltenham nightmares. Within an hour of the curtain rising, both had taken their bows to a packed audience in the winner's enclosure.

However, in keeping with this fixture's character, their paths never threatened to merge again. Pipe, who lost two horses on the opening day a year ago, saddled Or Royal to a scintillating victory in the Guinness Arkle Trophy Chase then went on to greater peaks. Osborne was left reflectng on a turbulent afternoon in the Cheltenham mincer.

From the moment Finnegan's Hollow began an afternoon of misery for Ireland by tipping up two flights from home, there was no doubt Osborne would land the Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle on Shadow Leader. The fast surface lent itself to Flat-race speed and Shadow Leader strode away from his opponents as though joining them at halfway. His victory was a Festival first for his trainer, Charlie Egerton. It was as well for the horse's

part-owner, James Blackshaw, that Shadow Leader belied his name. Awash with emotion, Blackshaw told of sleepless nights before this race. "I do get a bit excited but this time I was sick with nerves," he said. "The horse has been a bit of a puller on the Flat and the lightweight jockeys can't hold him. He switched off in this big field and I think he has found his game."

Only a debt of loyalty allowed Osborne to take the ride. Norman Williamson was aboard for Shadow Leader's most recent victory but Egerton, doubtless recalling Osborne's plight 12 months earlier, chose the tougher option. "Jamie has been with me from the beginning." the trainer said. "He got off Collier Bay to ride Mysilv in the Champion Hurdle last year and it cost him the winner.

Osborne prefaced this victory by riding 20 winners in two weeks. I have had the most unbelievable run of my career," he said. "I just have to enjoy it while it happens - the only certainty is that it will end at

some stage."

He could not have realised how prophetic his words would prove. Osborne must have been counting his percentage as Squire Silk took charge in the closing stages of the Guinness Arkle Trophy Chase. But Tony McCoy, galvanising the blink-ered Or Royal, joined issue at the last before conjucing a final effort from the French import. Having earlier looked a shade hesitant, Or Royal never flinched in a driving finish.

For the first time Pipe employed the blinkers Or Royal donned regularly in France. "You must keep something up your sleeve for Cheltenham and that was our ace." the trainer said. Or Royal's prospects were belped when Mulligan, the 11-10 favourite, slithered out of the race four fences from home.

Osborne's subsequent rides brought equal measures of disappointment. He pulled up Large Action with a circuit of the Champion Hurdle ahead of him; General Command, favourite for the Astec Buzz Shop National Hunt Chase, travelled easily until a shocking blunder caused him to break down; and Yahmi looked destined for victory in the concluding heat until he jinked on the run-in, allowing Robert Thornton and Pharanear to snatch the spoils.

If Osborne had mixed feelings, Thornton will have slept in paradise last night. Just 35 minutes earlier he had gained his first Festival winner when King Lucifer resisted Time For A Run in the Kim Muir Challenge Cup.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Cheltenham

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ALSO RAN 2-1 Iav Firmegan's Hollow (f),
7 Hurribel (pu), 15-2 Queen Of Spades 12
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14 Deann's Beeno, Whip Hand, 20 Kallash (f), The Rying Phantom (f), Three Scholars (6th), 25 Mister Rm (f), 33 Polydamas, 200
Smolensk (pu), 16 can NR: What's The Verdict 101, 'el, 41, 3k4, 1 kil C Egerton at Chaddleworth. Toter 55,50, 52.40, 26.50, 525.40, DF 599 80, Three Scholars (and the Verdict) 101 (el, 41, 3k4, 1 kil C Egerton at Chaddleworth. Toter 55,50, 52.40, 26.50, 525.40, DF 599 80, Three Scholars (and the Verdict) 15 at Cheltenham today), CSF, £120.65.

2.35 GURNNESS ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Grade I, £53,762 2m) OR ROYAL or g Kendor - Portrine Royale (D Johnson) 6-11-8 A P McCoy (11-2) 1. Squire Silk b g Natroun - Rustle Of Silk (R Ogden) 8-11-8 J Osborne (11-2) 2. ALSO RAN 11-10 lav Muliigan (1), 8 Flying Instructor (4th), 11 Lightening Lad (5th), 33 Beakstown, Perindra (8th), 66 Guinda (ur) 9 See MP, Co. Sa Pada Lat (131), 141 (141)

Pipe at Wellington Tote £7 10; £1 90, £1.80, £1 40 DF 521 90 Tno £25 80, CSF £33 18 3.15 SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade I, £124.138: 2m 110yd) MAKE A STAND ch g Master Wille - Make A Signal (P Deal) 6-12-0 A P McCoy (7-1) 1.

Theetreworld big Sadler's Wells - Cham-ons (Mrs J Magner) 5-12-0 N Williamson (33-1) 2. Space Trucker big Kambalda - Seet Of Leaming (Mrs E Cuseally) 6-12-0 J Shortt (9-2) 3.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Both declarers arrived in a good slam, and both went down, on

this hand played in the Macallan Camrose match between

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Contract: Six Diamonds by South, Lead: ten of clubs

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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a. A deviant cell

b. An encounter

a. To join together

b. Discoloured

c. Fermentation

ZYMURGY

c. A prehistoric sea-monster

∳J52

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This was the natural, and

sound. Scottish auction. It is

normal to play responder's change of suit as forcing, which is why North only bid

Two Hearts at his second turn.

was less comprehensible, but

they also arrived in Six

The play was identical at the

two tables. Both declarers won

played ace and king of hearts discarding spades. They each

heart with the ten of dia-

monds. Now West overruffed

and returned a diamond, leav-

c. Vodka and brandy cocktail

a the first club, ruffed a club and

ruffed a heart low, ruffed another club low and ruffed a

3 The England pair's auction

Diamonds.

DROSHKY

a. A carriage

b. Sea fish

EVESCHIE

a. A silk material

b. A bishopric c. Tidal wave

◆K10975

+ J 6

Game all

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ing declarer a trick short.

The hand was extensively

analysed by the commentary

team, and eventually they

decided this was the best line.

Ruff a club at trick two, ruff a

low heart and ruff another

club low. Cash the ace of

diamonds, ruff a heart in hand

and draw trumps. This line

works if hearts are no worse

than 7-2, and the third club is

not overruffed, and if the

diamonds are no worse than

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⊕QJ6

ALSO RAN. 7-2 fav Large Action (pu), 4
Collier Bay (pu), 13-2 fm Supposin i4th), 9
Sammatino (Stri), 25 Pridwell, 33 Birnsay,
Cockiney (Lad), Mischinguelt, 50 Derdoris,
Dreams End. 100 Guest Performance, Hill
Society (Stri), Moorish, Zabadi 17 ran 51,
31, 21, 3-4, sh hd M Pipe at Wellington
Tote: £8,60, £2,90, £6,60, £2,50, DF Tote: £8.60, £2.90, £6.60, £2.50, £183.20 Tno £316.60 CSF; £193.06 3.55 ASTEC BUZZ SHOP NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE

FLYER'S NAP b g Rolle - English Riyer Tory) 11-11-2 D Bridgwaler (20-1) Stormtracker br g Strong Gale - Stay As You Are (T Davis) 8-10-0 M Richards (25-1) 2. General Command big Strong Gale - Kytogue Dassy (R Ogden) 9-11-2 J Osborne (9-4 fav) 3.

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ALSO RAN: 5 Mudahim (6th), 8 Kadi, Rwer Mandale (fi, 9 Call II A Day (6th), Maamur (pu), 11 Yorkshre Gale, 25 James Pagg (pu), Romeny Creek (4th), 33 Bavard Dieu, Grange Brake, 66 Sabton Abbey, 14 ran 1%, 1%, 44, nk, 4

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The first round of the Martell

Knockout Trophy for London

RESULTS: Euters 2 Brooks 2 (Euters go through on board count), Hullengham C 3 Carlton Club 1; Althenseum 3 RAC C 1, Hurlingham A 2½: Rochsumpton A 15, Oxford and Cambridge 3 RAC B 1: Smpson's-in-the-Strand 4 Rochsumpton B 0

The following game is taken from the Athenaeum's win

Athenaeum v RAC C 1997

King's Indian Attack

Nf6

Ng4 Oxe7

16 Kd8

Qf7

Rxh5

Fixh1

b5

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from

the game Agnos - Georgiev, Greece 1997. Both sides are gun-

ning for the opponent's king. In such situations, the advantage of the move is often decisive. If it were

Black's move, he could play 1 ... Qxgl mate. Unfortunately for him.

it is White's turn to play. How did

Solution on page 46

clubs has been completed.

London clubs

against RAC C.

White: Taylor

2 g3 3 Bg2 4 d3

6 Nxe5

17 Nf3

23 Nt5

25 Rxh5

26 Rh1

27 Kxh1

Black: Lashgar

4.30 FULKE WALWYN KIM MUTR CHALL-ENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE Ental: Cup Handicap Crass (Amaleurs: 621,362, 3m 15) KING LUCIFER b g King's Ride - Cahore (A Davles) 8-11-5 R Thomlon (7-2) 1.

Time For A Run b g Deep Run - Hourly Rate (J P McManus) 10-11-8 P Fenton 115-8 fav) 2. (G Mone) 9-9-7 O McPhail (20-1) 3.
ALSO RAN- 15-2 Lord OI The West (f), 8
Cherrynut (pu), Christmas Gorse, 12
Carrelot Kingfri (6th), 16 All For Luck, (4th), 20 So Far Bold, 25 Bradbury Star, 40
Danger Baby (5th), 11 ran Nk, 151, 51, 21, 71
Danger Baby (5th), 11 ran Nk, 151, 51, 21, 71
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5.05 HAMLET EXTRA MILD CIGARS GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE (Final: £27,910* 3m 2f)

Og8 c6 Kc7

Kb6 c5 Qh7+

Bxf5 Qb7+

Qc6

Kc7 Qa6

Diagram of final position

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enter The Times schools

championship, the latest re-

sults from which I gave yester-

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41 Qc2 42 Qc3

Danjing b g Danehill - Bessing Ayrght Hawks Pitors 15-10-11 A P McCox (33-113)

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Millonfield (5th). Hennelfa Howard, 10 Erzadjan (us), Fre die Muck (6th), Southern Nights (pu), 1 die Muck (6th). Southern Nights (pu., 11 Linton Rocks, 14 Give Best, 20 Ctympian, 25 Arthmetic (pu.), Runaway Pete, 33 Dally Boy, Patosanto, 40 Drivati Dancer, 50 General Mouddar, Karar, Tim. Unor V. 66 Mister Blake, Snow Board, 100 Duhailow Lodge, 24 ran 21, 51 11, 51, nk. D Nicholson at Temple Guting Tote: 522 00, 54 50, 51,90, 57 00, 52 60 DF 535 70. Tino 5582 70. CSF- £60 13 Tinoast 51,582 81. After a stewards inquiry, result stood Jackpott; not won (pool of £69,272.21 carried forward to Chellenham today). Placapott 5332.80. Quadoott 523,10. Placepot: £332.90. Quedpot: £23.10.

Fontwell Park Going: good, good to firm in places 2.10 (2m 21 110yd hdie) 1. Eta Agapi Mou (D Gallagher, 7-1); 2, Infamous (6-4 fav); 3, Topaglow (4-1), 11 ran 3t, 6t, G L Moore, Tote 19 70, 52 30, 51.10, 51 70 DF 26 10, Tric: \$10 30, CSF: \$17.13.

2.45 (2m 3l ch) 1, Red Branch (T J Murphy, 4-6 tayl; 2, Brown Robber (6-1); 3, Colonel Colt (14-1), 4 ran NR Ayton Run 44, 7l J King, Tote: £1,80, DF: £2,90, CSF: £4,39.

Cor' 14.39.
3.20 (3m 3l hdie) 1, Satcotino (P Henley, 8-13 lav); 2, Brackenheath (4-1); 3, Win I Did (14-1) 9 ran. NR Double Achevement. Hd, 23l. M Tompkins Toter £1 70, £1.10, £1 90, £2.50 DF: £2.70, 7no. £5 70, CSF: €3.24. Brackenheath finished first, but after a stewards' inquiry was placed second.

second 3.50 (2m 6t 110yd hdle) 1, St VIIIe (8 Powell, 3-1); 2, Roger's Pal (10-1), 3, Rashin (12-1) Swan Street 11-4 lav 6 ran. Sh hd, 9t R Buckler Tote £30; £1.70, £3.50. DF £10.50, CSF £25.86 13.50. DF 170.50. CSF 225.86
4.20 (3m 21 110yd ch) 1, Credon (8
Fenton, 7-1); 2, Hantstown Lady (6-1), 3,
Master Comedy (14-1) Vicose 2-1 lav, 6
fan 2º4, 21 S Woodman Toler 93 70;
63.30, 63.90 DF 237.40 CSF, £40 71
4.56 (2m 21 llad) 1, Spunktie (D Gallagher,
15-8 ji-lav), 2, Certain Shot (15-8 ji-lav); 3,
Hot ¹N Saucy (6-1) 13 ran, 6, 122, R
Johnson Houdthon, Toler 52.50; 51.10 Johnson Houghton, Tote 62.50; C1 10, C1 20, 62.20 DF 63 90 Trio 69.20 CSF

Placepot £44.60. Quadpot £19.60. Sedgefield

Going: good to film, good in places
2.20 (3m 3f 110yd Indle) 1. Greenfield
Manor (S Taylor, 33-1), 2. Sheñon Abboy
(8-1), 3. Ingrit Deshiny (50-1), 4. Haughtion
Lad (7-1) Rubor 5-2 tay 16 ran 3f, 1/4 J
Sisterson Tote: C119.50, E12.30, E1.30,
E10.20, 52. 90, DF C371.10 Tho not won
(pool of E203.82 carmod lorward to 3.15 at
Chaterham today) CSF E399.01 Tricest
E11.507.13

£11,507,13
2.55 (2m 5) ch) 1, Nijwey (S Taylor, 5-1); 2, Master Flashman (8-1); 3, Fern Leader (8-1); faw) 12 ran Sh hd, 8l M Barnes, Tote 24,50; £190, £230, £150 DF £16,90 Ino. £27,90 CSF £44,86
3.30 (3m 3l ch) 1, Glen Cak (Mr J M Prichard, 3-1), 2, Kushbako (11-10)(av), 3, Fordstown (7-2), 7 ran 1l, nk, D Duggan Tote £2,90, £1,90, £1,80 DF £2,50, CSF £4,94

4.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Cross Cannon (8 Storey, 4-1), 2 Weaver George (6-5 lav); 3, Reve De Valse (8-1) 4 ran 71, 101 J Wade Tote £4.90 DF £3.20 CSF; £9.16 10se 24-90 to 23.51 CSF; 93.16 4.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Pontavedra (N Horrocka, 6-1); 2, Country Orchid (11-4); 3, Wayuphili (5-2 lav) 12 ran NR; Morellash 'si, 331 K Morgan Tote 05 70; £1 70, £1 30, £1.90 DF: £10.60 Trio £12.40, CSF £22.00

CSF 522 00
5.20 (2m II hole) 1, Rothari (R Supple, 7-1); 2, Diamond Beach (14-1), 3, Jendonoti (16-1) Clavering 9-4 lav (pu) 14 ran NR: Matre De Musique, Silver Minx, Shid, shid, Shid, B Rothwell Tole 520 000; 54 80, 621 70 DF, 531 30 Trio not won lipsoil of 5273 02 carried forward to 3 15 at Chettorham loday) CSF 5115.78 Tricast 51,493.35. Placepot \$2,136.20, Quadpot \$131,30,

> HUNTINGDON SPECIALISTS -

TRAINERS: N. Balley, 23 warners, from 66 runners, 34 8%; Mrs M Reveloy, 11 from 36, 36 8%; N Henderson, 10 from 38, 25 8%; D Carbillon, 3 from 12, 25 6%, Mrs, 5 Smith, 4 from 18, 22 2%; T Forster, 13 from 61, 21 3%; J Giflord, 16 from 76, 21 1% JOCKEYS: G Lee, 3 winners from 8 notes, 37.5%, S McNeut, 10 from 57, 17 5%, Markin Bronnan, 7 from 47, 14.5%; K Geute, 4 from 34, 11.8%; J McCarthy, 4 from 35, 11.4%; E Murphy, 3 from 30, 10.0%.

HUNTINGDON

1.50 Code Red. 2.25 Leap In The Dark. 3.00 Reapers Rock. 3.35 Highly Charming. 4.05 Uluru. 4.40 Mr Conductor. 5.15 Lord Lamb.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES 1.50 KEYSOE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,979, 2m 51 11úyd) /11 runners) (2.1.97.3. 211 31 TOYA) (1.1.12.112.15)

1. 00PO BERKINSTIE 16 (3) US M. FARREY 5-11-10 ... G. Lee (3) 80

2. PP MAND WARRIOR 11 (F) E-PRESE W-11-16 ... J. Moglond (7) —

3. 03-2. EDWARD SEVEDUR 7 (5) N. Meds 16-11-4 ... T. Medis 94

4-30 WSCOUNT TULY 13 (0.5) C. Leichen 12-11-4 O Bermers (5) 97

5. 6-44 SHANASE 14 (F) E-LEICHEN 13-11-3 ... Mr J. L. Lewellyn (9)

6. 00U COUE RED 16 N. Med 1-3-10 ... MR PICHARDS

6. 00U COUE RED 16 N. Med 1-3-10 ... MR PICHARDS

7. 0000 AUTURIN FLAME 18 (9) Serves 6-10-5 ... M. Bronnen —

8. 0466 SONG FOR JESS 13 F. Central 4-10-5 ... S. Wyone 87

8. P-40 OOOK RODES 3 (6) Med 1-5 Central 6-10-5 ... R. Sopple —

10. -005 MICK THE YANK 14 (8) + Olice 7-10-3 ... Jacquid Oliver —

11. 3200 SURFITE YANK 14 (8) + Olice 7-10-3 ... Jacquid Oliver —

7-2 Visionali Tully, 5-1 Baskin bits Estabet Sentingur, 7-1 Code Red, 8-1 others.

	(£2,	635:	MELCHBOURNE MAIDEN HURDLE 2m 5i 110yd) (17)	
	1	6P-5	BLATANT OUTBURST 13 (F) Mass S Wilton 7-11-5 Gary Lyons	87
	- 2	300	BOUNDTOHONOUR 13 H Oliver 5-11-5 Jacqui Oliver	
ı	3		BRIGHT FLAME Miss S Educant: 5-11-5 Mr T Hills	_
	4	40-	BUSTER 517 Mrs 8 Wartno 9-11-5 E Byrne	8
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	7	31-0	NORTHERN STAR 95 (F) J Picketing 6-11-5 Miss J Warmen (7)	_
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	9	4	TEOROMA 21 J Jenkins 7-11-5 Mr M Gingel	_
	19	H-0	(UHSAL 11 T Donnehr 8-11-5 Mr R Armenn	61
	11	34	CASTLE MEWS 9 & Bravery 6-11-0	76
	12	4523	DARK PHOEREX 16 (V.G) O Scentan 7-11-0 M Reserve	è
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	14	-000	LOCH NA KEAL 20 C Mortack 5-11-0	91
	12	2000	ROL TO PARC 43 K Barle 7-11-0	71
	16	-PP0	MUNS LUCY 43 F Jordan 6-11-0 S Warne	
	17		BANDIT BOY 595F W Musson 4-10-10	_

5-2 Dacelo, 4-1 Dark Phoeses, 6-1 Leap in The Dark, Scattermester, 8-1 others. **3.00** BLETSOE HANDICAP CHASE (52,823⁻ 3m) (11) | FP46 CELTRO 2 (16) Forster 9-11-10. S Wynne 95
| 2 0-P0 ROYAL SOLARE 99 (F.G.S) N Lithroden 17-11-9. K Gaule 90
| 3 1124 TM SOLDER 20 (F.G.S) N Lithroden 17-11-9. K Gaule 90
| 3 1124 TM SOLDER 20 (F.G.S) M Barradough 10-11-7. R Supplie 98
| 4 2-P3 REFAIL RUNNER 21 (G.S) Miss S Etherats 22-11-15 Mr 7 Hills 98
| 5 FF-2 REAPERS ROCK 15 D.G. Mrs. S South 10-10-13 R Willdraum (7) 68
| 6 -P76 SEELIN LAD 20 (S) Mrs. I Mchart Shinner 910-13 P Read - 7
| -03P CELTIC LARD 21 (G) D Barchall 9-10-12. D J Burchall 88
| 8 4 P27 KMRS S RH LING 30 (F.G.S) H Ober 10-10-11 ... Lacqui Cliert 93
| 9 -P0P CONSTING 15 (E.S.) 6 Belding 11-10-8 ... A Bastary 95
| 10 -004 MGHT FANCY 15-Mrs. A Woodrow 9-10-0 ... J A McCarrily 95
| 10 -909 RALLAD RILLER 15 (G) P Prictical 91-10-0 ... R Bestary 95
| -7-2 Tim Soldie. 4-1 Researce Rock 5-1 Rete Runner 6-11 Celtre Novick States 7-2 Trin Soldier, 4-7 Reapers Rock, 5-1 Retail Runner, 6-1 Cellina, King's Shifting, 7-1 Cellin Land, 8-1 Hight Fancy, 16-1 others

3.35 LADY RIDERS CHAMPION HURDLE (Handicap. £2,268: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 P26U FARY PARK 30 (B.D.F.S.S) H (Biser 12-12-0 Miss C Spearing (7) 89 2 50-U STEVE FORD 11 (D.S) C Montock 8-11-10 ... Miss P Junes (5) 90 3 2903 FRON N 50:D 4 (D.S) 1 C Exery 5-11-9 ... Sophie Michel (5) 95 4 3360 (DALY SPORT SRIL 20 (D.S) B Liventhyn 8-10-13 Miss L Jones (7) 91 5 40-2 ALKA INTERNATIONAL 20 Mr. P Townsiey 5-10-13 6 COOS HIGHLY CHARBARRE 27 M Barrachoph 5-10-11 ... Ann Steinet 97
7 2040 SHFTING MOON 11 (BLF) F Jordan 5-10-11 ... Ann Steinet 97
8 556- HIGHLAND FLAME 460 A Backmore 8-10-1 Mrs F Needland (7) 84
9 400 VERORICA FRANCO 81 B Pages 4-10-0 ... Lessa Long 84 9-4 Iron N Gold, 3-1 Dally Sport Sirt, 9-2 Highly Charming, 5-1 pilhers

4.05 THURLEIGH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.285: 3m 2f) (6) 1 3559 ULURU 33 (CD.F.G) C Morloch 9-11-10 ... J R Kavanagh (8)
2 -313 TILTY 13 (V.6) A Streater 7-11-6 I Eley 94
3 LC35 STAC-POLLAUPH 35 (BF.F) K Bailer 7-10-1 ... W Watch (7) 98
4 AU1- JUPMSTONS BUCK 361 (5) B Curley 8-10-0 ... E Murphy 86
5 4603 TISER CLAW 40 (CD.F.G) A Hobbs 11-10-0 ... O Burrows 69
6 /5-0 THIS METILE DAMSER 16 (CD.F.) O Brenzan 13-10-0 M Brenzan

2-1 Tilly, 3-1 Stac-Poliadh, 9-2 Johnstons Buck, 5-1 Ulum, 6-1 others. 4.40 BOLNHURST NOVICES CHASE (£2,864. 2m 4l 110yd) (5) 1 F1FF GROOVING 39 (G.S.) J Giftont 8-11-8 ... J A McCarthy 97
2 2133 MR CORDUCTOR 42 (D.BF.F.G.) R Ainer 6-11-8 J R Kovarragh (D. B. F.G.) R Bolkarry ... S McVell ...

5.15 SWINESHEAD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,329. 2m 110yd) (14)

11-10 Grooving, 11-8 Mr Conductor, 18-1 Kathalicu, 14-1 others

HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,329, 2m 110yd) (14)

1 10-1 LORD LAMB 75 (D.F) Mar M Rendey 5-12-0 ... G Los (3)

2 MOTHER RUMPLS E Mortods 5-11-4 ... Mr H Duntop (7)

3 505 EMBARCO 11 J Duntop 5-11-4 ... Mr H Duntop (7)

4 KAMDYSON J Josésse 5-11-4 ... Mr H Duntop (7)

5 4 MR MONTAGUE 81 I Dunnoldy 5-11-4 ... T Eley

6 0 MUALLAF 28 Mrs A Woodfore 5-11-4 ... J A McCardny

7 2 SLABDAY VENTURE 96 (8F) N Hoodston 5-11-4 J R Kastening

8 LAST PENNY (8) J Ronger 5-10-13 ... Mr M Brownia

9 MRYAMA PRINCESS B Proces 5-10-13 ... Mr Mortor

10 0-0 OURTY LINE 41 J Cacele 5-10-13 ... Mr Mortor

10 D TEELMYS RITURE 336 0 Brownia 6-10-13 ... W Washi (7)

12 DADTS ARMY WY B Cardy 4-10-10 ... E Murphy

13 D ENESTAR 33 J Wade 4-10-10 ... K Gaute

14 CHARLES S LANGER J Nevile 4-10-5 ... J Dascombe (3)

15 Lond J Mr Mary Venture, Dod's Army I etc. 8-1 Embargo, 10-1 other

2.10 Court Master. 2.40 Defenditherealm. 3.10 Orswell Lad. 3.45 Cassio's Boy: 4.20 Kaloore: 4.55 Alice's Mirror, 5.30 Too Javalin

Carl Evans: 4.20 Cedar Square. GOING: HEAVY

Z. I U EAST OGWELL MAIDEN CHASE (£2,346: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

2 PFS6 BELLS WOOD 14 (S) A Duna 8-11-5 ... D J Ker
2 2S22 COURT MASTER 4 If Budder 9-11-5 ... D J Ker
3 /3-0 FINNIGAN FREE 25 G Ham 7-11-5 ... Mr
4 2PSP MARKET MAYHEM 23 J Speareg 7-11-5 ... Mr
4 2PSP MARKET MAYHEM 23 J Speareg 7-11-5 ... /
5 GSF2 THE SECRET GREY 7 D McCain 6-11-5 ... /
6 -FIO BMAUGHT 6 R Frest 8-11-0 ... /
7 BS27 WALK IN 7HE WOODS 10S2 (F.S) D Tumer 18-11-0 Mr A Mr A

Evens Court Master, 11-4 The Secret Grey, 5-1 Mariest Mayhem, 8-1 others. 2.40 TEABOY MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,285: 2m 6l) (14)

11-4 Berifeet, 7-2 Detenditiercoim, 5-1 Salty's Twins, 6-1 Concought's Pride, 8-1 Paprilla, 10-1 Willows Roulette, Annaheur, 12-7 others.

3.10 HORSES FOR COURSES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,764: 2m 5i 110yd) (4)

1 11-4 ALLO GEURGE 86 (CD,G,S) A Newcombo 11-12-D. A Thombos 2 141P ORSWELL IAD 32 (CD,S) P Hobbs 8-11-13 Mr S Dorack (7) 3 1155 BIT OF A TOUCH 32 (CD,G,S) B Frost 11-10-4 J Frost 4 343F JAILBREAKER 15 (C,G,S) B Million 10-10-0 D Salter (5) 9-4 Jailtreaker, 5-2 Alto George, 11-4 Organet Lad, 7-2 Bit Of A Touch.

3.45 LITTLE CLOSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,696: 2m 6f) (5)

1 30-0 HOLD YOUR RANGS 20 (CD.S) R Frost (0-12-0 J Frost 2 3875 LA MENOROUNA SF (6) D Marks 7-10-11 D J Kavaragh (5) 3 31P7 RITIO 114 (C.S) J Northe 7-10-11 W Marston 4 290 VALANTHE 21 (B.F.S) M Pipe 9-10-6 D Walsh 5 6405 CASSO'S BOY 19 (S) R Eckley 6-10-4 X Alexand 7 3-4 Ritto, 3-1 Hotel Your Raolis, 7-2 La Mesorquino, 4-1 Vallanifie, 5-1 Cassio's

4.20 LITTLE TOWN NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Arnateurs: £978; 2m 51 110yd) (11)

O/P. TOMPS APACHE 291P O Cartes B-12.3 Miss L Blackdord (?)
- SPF TOMPS GENERAL STAR 6 O Carter 9-12-3 Download (?)
- S/3- ABSENT MEMOS 434P B Young 11-11-12 Miss S Young 1
- P-52 HERHORSE 18P Miss A Howard-Chappell 10-11-12 L Jefford (?) 3-1 Good King Henry, 7-2 Cedar Square, 4-1 Kaloore, 6-1 Batolin Chance, 8-1 Herhorse, 10-1 Seventh Lock, 12-1 others

4.55 JOKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,871: 2m 1f) (9)

3-1 Friendly House, 7-2 Tai Tech Flyer, 4-1 Littem Lily, 6-7 Rands Symbol, 7-7 Alpine Jokes, 8-1 Alice's Mator, 12-1 others.

5.30 TEMPLERS ROAD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,528: 3m 2f 110yd) (6) 1 1441 TOP JAVALIN 12 (5) N Hawle 10-11-10 Mr G Sheridin (7)
2 1-06 KEANO 33 (CD.S) P Hobbs 8-11-9 W Misration
3 U-04 SPACE CAPPA 13 (6,5) Mrs V Suphers 9-11-6 Misra V Sephers
4 3-PP SL VEHINO 37 (0,6,5) P Rodiard 11-10-12 Pinclouphin
5 P/P. BOTTLE BLACK 486 (5) T Hand 10-10-12 Pinclouphin
6 0004 BOURNS 23 (3) C Samuel 9-10-7 P Healey (3) 4-5 Top Security, 7-2 Kearto, 5-1 Space Cappa, 8-1 Boomel, 12-1 others,

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRABERS: M Usher, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%. P Rich, 3 from 7, 42.9%, P Hobbs, 45 from 158, 28.5%, M Prop. 95 from 371, 25.9%, A Newcombe, 9 from 38, 23.7%, C Barriell, 4 from 28, 14.5%, OCICEYS: B. 14.5% A Thornton, 13 winners from 68 rides, 19.1%; P McLoughtin, 3 from 16, 18.8%, P Holley, 4 from 38, 10.5%, Only qualifiers.

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'I'm sure my appreciation of the race will increase if and when I win it'

Pinning my faith in Viking Flagship

RICHARD DUNWOODY

AY MARCHO



Chases an elusive big-race success

The Queen Mother Champion Chase is probably the least celebrated of Cheltenham's three jewels. The hurdlers had their day yesterday while Gold Cup horses will dominate the stage tomorrow. Yet for many professionals in the sport, the Champion Chase today has no equal. It is all about quality jumping at real speed over two miles, the minimum trip in

jumps racing. I'm sure my appreciation of the race will increase if and when I ever win it. I have been runner-up on three occasions and finished third as many times, often in close finishes. It is one of the major races missing from my collection and I can hardly ask for a better ride than Viking Flagship to end my personal

Viking Flagship's jumping is usually reliable, he is as tough as they come and he thrives on the end-to-end gal-lop of this race. His record in it recently his jockey's white cap



Mulligan and Dunwoody, who parted company at the fifth fence, lead over the water jump in the Arkle Chase yesterday

had a habit of flying off during his races. I'm told people used

to bet among themselves at

is far better than mine - he has won it twice and chased home Klairon Davis 12 months ago, when my mount. Sound Man, finished third. Some argue that, aged ten, Viking Flagship has a fair few miles on the clock. Against that he has again put up some very good performances for David Nicholson this season.

what stage the cap would come loose, but Adrian Maguire's valet has somehow got it to stay on. Having replaced Adrian, I'll be instructing my valet, Andy Townend, to make sure the white cap sticks. I'm telling you this so that if you It's funny the little things get involved in any side bet. which people notice in the heat you'll know who to blame if it

goes wrong.
When riding Viking Flag-

ship. I'll be keeping a close watch on Klairon Davis. This horse makes mistakes but he has won at the last two Festivals — although I will never how he managed it last year. I was half a length ahead of him approaching a fence and could see him from the corner of my eye. After we jumped it Klairon Davis completely disappeared from my field of vision. Simultaneously, I heard the sound of his legs

clattering into the boards at

the bottom of the fence and thought we'd be seeing no more of him. I couldn't believe it when he rejoined us in the closing stages, travelling better than any of us and clearly bound for victory. He has a formidable trainer in Arthur Moore, who will have him spot on for this.

Viking Flagship finished fourth behind Ask Tom. another fancied contender, at Kempton in January but my mount is much better off at the

has improved but he needs to do so again in this league. Martha's Son has a lot of class, something that applies to Strong Promise, a six-yearold novice of tremendous potential. I know all about him he beat me aboard One Man at Ascot last month and will be a tough opponent.

Nevertheless, Viking Flagship loves the cut and thrust of this event. He had a very easy race last time and that should have done him the power of good. He is also a thickwinded horse, which probably explains why his form improves throughout the year. I know him well, having ridden him several times in his career, and he loves the sort of battle he will be involved in today.

s for the other races, I can pass on an interest-Acan pass on an anomaling snip when I followed Fred Hustby, the amateur rider, up the gallops at David Nicholson's last week. He was riding Mighty Moss, his mount in the SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle, and he told me to get a good look at his backside as I'd be seeing plenty more of in today's race. Until then I thought Agistment, my own mount, had a decent each-way chance against the likes of Istabraq, Red Blazer and Royaltino - but Fred is obvi-

ously confident.
Of my remaining rides, I'll highlight Hanakham, who has as good a chance as any in the Royal SunAlliance Chase. He ran particularly well against Coome Hill last time and that is solid form. Florida Pearl (Bumper) and Pashto (Mildmay Of Flete) have reasonable prospects. But then, don't they all this week?

Strong Promise can complete rise to the top

2.00: Istabraq is the Irish banker of the meeting, but was far from impressed with his hurdling when he won narrowly from stablemate Finnegan's Hollow at Leopardstown last month. The Aidan O'Brien-trained favourite is the form choice, but given his likely short odds and suspect hurdling bigger-priced rivals are preferred. Red Blazer won at Towcester in December before defying a penalty at Leicester. The form of that race has worked out superbly with four well beaten rivals having won since. However, because of the drying ground I marginally prefer Agistment, whose only defeat came in the hot Festival bumper last year when he finished sixth. Jimmy Fitzgerald's progressive runner has equally good form and should relish this stiff track. Royaltino should

2.35: Klairon Davis can be an indifferent jumper but Arthur Moore has the knack of getting him right for Cheltenham. The winner of the Arkle before taking this race last year, he showed he was back to his best when making most to win at

not be far away.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AGISTMENT (200 Cheltenham) Next best: Executive Design (3.15 Cheltenham)

Richard Evans and Thunderer selected Or Royal (11-2) at the Cheltenham Festival yeslerday.

Navan last month. If his puts in a clear round he will take some beating. Viking Flagship is arguably in the form of his career but is best on easy ground over this trip. Strong Promise, who floored One Man at Ascot, is the most progressive horse in the field and loves this track and fast ground.

3.15: This is the toughest race of the week to crack. Copper Boy had been my ante-post choice but the drying ground may not suit, a remark which also applies to Supreme Lady and Big Strand. Mandys Mantino's early season form gives him a chance but he has been chasing and my shortlist concerns Tullymurry Toff, unbeaten in his last five starts, and Direct Route, who, with Executive Design, er trip. Mary Reveley has few runners at this meeting but this one looks well treated having won at Ascot before an unlucky seventh in

The Ladbroke.

GUIDE TO THE FESTIVAL TODAY

3.55: At the start of this season Ron Hodges confided that Hanakham was the best horse he had trained, and with Richard Dunwoody now riding, he can provide the Somerset trainer with a deserved Festival success. The selection was rated superior to Coome Hill on the point-to-point circuit and showed his class when third behind the Gold Cup funcy at Wincanton last time. He needed the race that day and, with proven stamina and form on fast ground, should go well. His main rivals are Corket, a particularly good jumper but unproven on this ground and with possible stamina doubts, and Djeddah, win-ner of the Feltham and Revnoldstown Chases. 4.30: It is difficult to assess

the form of François Doumen's French raider, Vol Par Nuit. On his only start in this country, he jumped particularly well when beating moderate opposition at Fontwell over 34 miles. However, his shrewd trainer had no hestitation nominating this race and. with Doumen's son in the saddle, it looks a powerful combination. Random Harvest is improving rapidly, judged on his latest success at Market Rasen, but it could pay to take a chance with Parahandy. A winner of two Irish points last year, he has produced respectable efforts in better class races (behind Cyborgo last time) and should relish this trip.

5.05: Air Shot is one of the best handicapped horses in training and if the ground had been softer he would have been my bet of the record suggests mud is a necessity, so I shall look elsewhere. The in-form Golden Spinner has ideal conditions while a case can be made for All The Aces and Destiny Calls. However, there is a chance the handicapper has made a mistake treating As Du Trefle so leniently after a good effort at Lingfield prior to winning at Southwell.

5.40: No end of runners are fancied in this "bumper", including Florida Pearl. whose trainer. Willie Mullins, landed this race year, Dawn Leader, Mi Markham, and Samuel Wilderspin. Mr Lurpak. from the Mary Reveley yard, is a tentative choice.

RICHARD EVANS

CHELTENHAM

3.55 DJEDDAH (nap)

THUNDERER

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 ISTABRAQ.

2.00 Istabrac 2.35 Klairon Davis

4.30 Vol Par Nuit 5.05 Novan 5.40 Our Bid

GOING: GOOD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 ROYAL SUNALLIANCE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade I: £49,585: 2m 5f) (20 runners) ade I: £49,585: 2m 5f) (20 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

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603 23221-1 AR SHOT 25 (G.S.) (Mar. P. Proveting) D Micholson 7-11-7. R. Johnson 66

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605 32-2131 GOLDEN SPRINER 32 (D.G.S) (P Marcel McJ. Photon 11-11-6. R. Petrant 50

607 34142-5 CAMITRON 91 (D.S.S) (Am Lews 17 Nacidy 7-11-2. G. Upton 90

608 P1464-5 PASHTO 46 (C.D.F.G.S) (in 70th) N Hendeson 10-11-2. M. Durnerody 609

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612 P-6F402 TERAO 18 (D.S.) (R Napatick) M Prop 11-10-7. J J Marphy 92

613 12-223 SOUTHWAMPTON 25 (V.B.F.G.) (% Salarma 7-10-6. B Feation 93

614 13131 NOVAM 18 (D.E.S.) (McGalen R 1 Asta 7-10-1. A Dubbia 98

615 13371 AS DU TRENE 19 (E.S.) (Durnson) M Prop 9-10-0. A P McCoy 95

616 F1114 2 SEATSON 34 (E.J.G.S) (Mr Camitro) R Buckler 8-10-0. DOUBTFUL 88

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BETTING: 5-2 As Du Tielle 7-1 Desirry Calls, Noyan, 15-2 Air Shot, 8-1 Golden Spinner, 10-1 Konvekta King, 12-1 New Co. 14-1 All The Aces, 16-1 Northern Hide, Pastio, 20-1 Bells Life, Southampton, Turan, 40-1 Rougan, 50-1 Carretros

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5.40 WEATHERBYS CHAMPION BUMPER (National Hunt like race grade 1: £18,760: 2m 110yd) (25 nunners)

BETTING 4-1 Florida Peaul 6-1 Emitante 7-1 Musical Mantern 8-1 Dawn Leader, 10-1 Samuel Wilderspin, Mr. Liepak 12-1 Mr. Maultum, Our Bul, 14-1 King Mole: 16-1 others. 1996 WITHER OR WHICH 5-11-6 Mr W Madins (11-4 tex) W Multims (Ire) 24 can

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Defeat robs Dalglish of his only defence

he act of the supporter who, just before halftime in a compelling FA Carling Premiership match at Anfield on Monday, appeared to throw his replica black-andwhite striped shirt into the face of Kenny Dalglish, came preciously close to symbolising what many are feeling: that Dalglish has been in too much haste to take the joy out of Newcastle United's football. One must be careful not to

condone, certainly not to encourage, supporters to break from their enclosures and throw things at players or managers, yet it is easy to understand this youth, with his team three goals down. with Liverpool having bombarded the Newcastle goal with 15 shots and with United in such cautious, negative mood that they had not contributed a solitary attempt at goal, nor even a corner.

The only justification that Dalglish would have for tearing up Kevin Keegan's "Geor-die Charter", for dulling the attacking brio and seeking to stifle the movement and imagination out of the game. would be for him to win matches that Keegan might have lost. Instead, Newcastle's impetus in the league, and possibly in the Uefa Cup, is faltering, while a team built excessively on going forward is reprogrammed, trying to be something it is not in terms of defensive solidarity.

To be fair, Keegan effectively acknowledged by his resignation at the start of the year that he had lost the plot of trying to balance attack with defence. That balance, so eswere to be effective.

Instead of attempting to swing the pendulum through 180 degrees, surely Dalglish should have gone with the flow, trying to tighten things up while acknowledging that the players he inherited are basically cavaliers whose comprehension of defence was to score more often than they

This was Keegan's essential pact with the people of Tyneside, with tens of thousands of supporters such as the one who overstepped the mark on Monday. Dalglish, in his dry, Scottish

delivery, was quite witty when he observed: "He must have thought I was a registered player and wanted me to go on." Fair enough, humour takes the sting out of an emotive situation, but it does not excuse Dalglish rushing to convert the people's team into a unit that dulls the palate for the game, that attempts to lure the opposition forward before perhaps striking when it grows weary. It would be like asking performers from the Barnum and Bailey Circus to

Of course, something had to be done about Newcastle's square back four, the vulnerability of the unaware Darren Peacock and the seemingly uninterested Philippe Albert. whose real instincts are not to be a defender at all. Come the summer when, maybe, Dalglish will be one of those trying to tempt Slaven Bilic to break his contract with West

Ham United, then he might



Fowler's dramatic late winner at Anfield exposed shortcomings in the Newcastle United defence

construct the foundations of a real defence.

Meanwhile, though it may now be too late for the title. Dalglish would be better advised to liberate the talents he inherited, talents built to win 4-3 rather than lose that way.

What was more remarkable was to see Liverpool, after two barren performances, lulled into almost astonishing slackness that very nearly gave the game, and the hard-won advantage, away. That it should be Jamie Redknapp, the firsthalf creator of two of the goals with visionary passes, who began giving the ball away to Newcastle, beggared belief.

One had watched Liverpool at their peak, and thought perhaps that the triumvirate of Redknapp, Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler was made for England. The pity is that the wing backs, those modern creatures coveted by

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, happen in Liverpool's case to be Jason McAteer, who plays on Ireland's right flank. and Stig Inge Bjornebye, who is Norwegian.

The greater pity, from New castle's viewpoint, was that when Bjornebye so precisely flighted the ball in from the left, the disorder in Newcastle's rearguard was such that Peacock, 6ft 2in, Albert, 6ft 3in, and Shaka Hislop, 6ft 6in, all stood immobile, watching Fowler leap above Robbie Elliott, the smallest man in their defence, to head the

It was the 108th goal in 179 appearances by Fowler ... and only the eighteenth time that this man of 5ft Ilin has used his head to finish off the opposition. It might be the goal that puts the championship beyond Newcastle, and delivers hope to Merseyside.



Dalglish is in danger of alienating supporters by abandoning his team's commitment to attack

Bilic promises to stay until end of season

By Russell Kempson

SLAVEN BILIC, the West Ham United central defender, has decided to stay at the club until at least the end of the season. Whether the West Ham supporters are as keen to see him should become clear when he plays at Upton Park in the FA Carling Premiership match against Chelsea to-

West Ham's fans have en-dured much this season including players regularly arriving and leaving, a series of poor displays and the prospect of relegation — and the last thing they needed to hear was that one of the side's most consistent performers apparently wants to leave not long after he had appeared to

long after he had appeared to pledge his future to the club by signing an extended contract. Though Bilic eventually spurned the advances of Everton, after travelling to Goodison Park to talk to Joe Royle, the manager, it may not be long before his mind is again distracted. Newcastle United, Chelsea and Nottingham Forest are known to be interested in the cultured Croatian centre half.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, is also perplexed as to how Everton discovered that Bilic had a clause, supposedly confiden-tial, in his contract that allowed him to talk to any club which had made a bid of £4.5 million. Only Bilic, his agent. Redknapp and Peter Storrie, the West Ham managing director, knew of it. Yet Royle made an offer last week ... of £4.5 million.

"Slaven was the one who insisted in the clause and he wouldn't sign without it,"
Redknapp said yesterday.
"I'm not saying it was he or his
agent who told Everton, but it certainly wasn't me or Peter. I told Everton that Slaven was not for sale, but they then reminded me of the clause. What could I do?

"It now seems that a lot of

clubs are interested. It doesn't surprise me, he's a very good player, but I don't want to sell him. Although it probably won't be easy to hang on to him in the long term. I hope we've at least got him until the end of the season."

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Bilic, 28, felt aggrieved that his integrity should be ques-tioned. Yes, I talked to Everton, but it is not a big thing," he said. "I was proud that such a big club should be interested in me, but it was never an option for me to leave now. I'm not a rat trying to leave a sinking ship.

"I am committed to the club for the rest of this season. I have a job to do to help West Ham stay in the Premiership. I feel I owe it to the club and the fans, they have been brilliant to me. I will give my

But what of the contractual leak? "It is not up to me to investigate it." Bilic said. And what response does he expect from the supporters this evening? "If I don't get a good reception. I will understand."

Brian Flynn, the Wrexham manager, experienced no such difficulties in the transfer of Bryan Hughes, his midfield player, to Birmingham City yesterday. Hughes, 20, readily agreed to the move. Flynn was delighted with the £800,000 fee - more than double the previous club record - and Trevor Francis, the Birmingham manager, was happy to take his spending to £5.8 million since he arrived at St Andrew's last summer.

The deal had been hatched after Wrexham had beaten Birmingham 3-1 in the FA Cup fifth round last month. Hughes scoring one of the goals, but was placed on hold until Wrexham made their Cup exit, which they did against Chesterfield at the weekend.

"It's a massive fee, but obviously Birmingham think I'm worth it," Hughes said.

Smith issues rallying call to his troops

WALTER SMITH issued a rallying call to his Rangers the medical bulletins to urge shadow squad yesterday those who will face Dundee days that may decide their

They play Dundee United at Ibrox tonight and meet Celtic at Parkhead on Sunday, a crucial fixture in their pursuit of a ninth successive league

championship. Ibrox is in danger of resembling a casualty ward, with a growing list of leading internationals struck down by injuries with eight matches left of their league programme.

uncharacteristically flat performance in the 2-0 Scottish Cup defeat by Celtic last Thursday.

"There is a big push required from everyone here and we hope we can go on and win another championship." Smith said. "I hope I will get a reaction after the Celtic match. After going out of the cup, the title is the sole objective for us now. We must lift our game to

Robson warns Middlesbrough to beware surprise

By DAVID MADDOCK

ONE assumes that Bryan Robson will be playing the National Lottery with a heightened sense of anticipagame of luck, after all, and Robson seems over-endowed in that department at present.

That his struggling Middlesbrough team somehow managed to muddle through the earlier rounds of both leading cup competitions to reach the semi-finals, to be greeted there by Stockport County and Chesterfield, both of the Nationwide League second division, is fortune bordering on the insane. It is against such a background that Middlesbrough enter the second leg of their

Coca-Cola Cup semi-final against Stockport County tonight and Robson knows only too well that he must guard against the natural feeling that his side's passage into the finals of is ordained.

With a two-goal lead already from the away leg two weeks ago, such humility will not be easy, especially after two impressive performances against Derby County in the last week. The manager is mindful, however, of Stockport's success on their travels this season. They won at Blackburn Rovers

and Southampton on their way to the semi-final and that is enough of a warning to my players," he said. "If we are complacent, then I know they

three Premiership sides in this competition and their performance at Southampton in particular was

They went a goal down, but scored two in reply. We must approach this tie as if we have merely taken the lead - and now we must ensure that we don't let Stockport back in, as both West Ham and

Southampton did."
Middlesbrough have Juninho, the Brazil midfield player, back for the second leg, after returning from the international duty that deprived them of his services for the first game. They should also have Emerson back after his recovery from an

possess the spirit to punish us. They ankle injury that precluded his have played extremely well against involvement in the FA Cup victory over Derby last Saturday.

The importance of the game tonight to Juninho cannot be overstat-Wembley, but more importantly, I want to get into Europe with Middlesbrough," he said. "We have the chance to do that in both cup competitions, but the Coca-Cola Cup is still the least complicated route, because we have a lead over Stockport from the first leg.

"It is important to press home that advantage on Wednesday. We have a very good team here and a side that is still developing and, if we can get to Wernbley, we can show people our quality. It is a very important game."

played in previous rounds that so worries Middlesbrough is the flag on which they pin their remaining hope. "We have gone away to other we must produce a similar performance to keep our dream alive." David Jones, the manager, said. Elsewhere, the FA Carling Pre-

The heavy menace Stockport dis-

miership offers less lofty ambition this evening, after the exhilarating top of the table dust-up between Liverpool and Newcastle United. Each game on offer tonight has relegation as its central, if unspoken, theme, with Southampton, Sunderland and West Ham United all travelling in search of much-needed points to guarantee safety.

RUGBY UNION

New postings will spice up Gaelic cocktail

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IRELAND, having committed themselves for the next six years to an Englishman as coach to the national side. seem likely to look overseas for further inspiration. There is every prospect that, when directors of rugby for the four provinces are confirmed, three will be from Wales and one from New Zealand, Brian Ashton, lately of

Bath, has taken on the national role, while the Irish Rugby Football Union already employs Ray Southam, a Weishman with much experience of the New Zealand game, as its director of rugby development. Now the union will be asked to approve John Bevan to work in Munster, Mike Ruddock in Leinster, Clive Griffiths in Ulster and Warren Gatland in Connacht.

Bevan and Griffiths played international rugby for Wales before turning to rugby league; Ruddock, the director of rugby at Swansea, is also coach to Emerging Wales and has coached Bective Rangers, in Dublin. Gatland, once the New Zealand replacement hooker, is renowned for his

commitment to Irish rugby. It is a commentary on the domestic game that so many significant posts should not be occupied by Irishmen, though David Haslett, the coach to Ireland A, and Eddie O'Sullivan, the coach to Ireland Under-21, chose not to make themselves available. ☐ Augustin Pichot, 22, the Argentina scrum half, who has been injured for the past few months, is to join Richmond in July.

CRICKET

Rose rewarded for fine debut

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BOTH West Indies and India took heart from the drawn first Test that ended at Sahina Park in Kingston, Jamaica on Monday. Rain took such a large slice out of the final day that India had no chance of making 323 to win and West Indies had no time to bowl

After India had finished at 99 for two, their captain. Sachin Tendulkar, said: "It is the first time since Pakistan in 1989 that we've drawn the first Test of an away series. So I think it's a good start."

He was encouraged by the form of Anil Kumble, the leg spinner, who took eight wickets in the match, after having little success in South Africa. A big gain for the West Indies was the performance of the locally-born fast bowler, Franklyn Rose, who took seven wickets on his debut and upstaged his more illustrious partners with a performance which brought him the man-

of-the-match award.
"He bowled very, very well. He was penetrative and did exactly what was asked of him," Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, said. "It was a dream start, a great debut for him. *

West Indies may be without Ian Bishop for the second Test, which begins in Port of Spain. Trinidad on Friday. Bishop left the field on Monday complaining of a pain in his right leg. Port of Spain is the scene of India's only two Test victories in the Caribbean while West Indies have won their last three matches on the

Not a ball was bowled in the first two sessions on Monday and although West Indies quickly claimed a wicket, when Navjot Sidhu was taken at short leg off Walsh, Venkata Laxman and Rahul Dravid banished all fears of a collapse by adding 62.

Both captains are hoping for a livelier pitch than that at Sabina Park. "It was very placid," Walsh said, not much in it for our bowlers." Tendulkar commented: "It

was similar to the pitch on which we played Jamaica. It was very slow and low and nothing much happened." ☐ Mark Taylor, Australia's captain, who has been troubled by a back injury, has an 80 per cent chance of playing in the second Test match against South Africa starting in Port Elizabeth on Friday. Erroll Alcott, the team physio-

therapist, said yesterday. Taylor had a back operation last year that kept him out of the game for two months but the present problem does not appear to be related to the previous injury. "He has full mobility in the back but it's not quite right." Alcott said. "He wanted to play in the one-day game against an Eastern Province Invitation XI but I

didn't recommend it. There is still a problem." Taylor said he would rule himself out of contention if he were not fully fit by tomorrow. "I won't leave it until the morning of the match. That wouldn't be right," he said. Australia are one up in the

three-match series after their

win in Johannesburg.

ATHLETICS BUCHAREST, Romania: National champi onships: Women's hammer: M Melini 69 58m (world record).

BADMINTON

BUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Men: Loughborough 7 Henot-Walt 2. Women: Loughborough 7 Teessade 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) LA Clippers 112 Golden State 106

BALLYMONEY, Northern Instanct Braish indoor championships: Singles: Semi-finals: N Booth (fie) bt M Barlock (Engl 21-19, R Marshall (Scot) bt J Price (Wales) 21-16 Final: Marshall bt Booth 21-18 Junior singles: Semi-finals: W Philos (Wales) bt I Ross (fie) 21-9; N Carrimack (Engl bt P Foster (Scot) 21-17 Final: Philos bt Carrimack 21-18. Pairs: Semi-finals: Ireland (R Battesty and D Corkel) bt England (D Robinson and D Moriey) 22-9; Wales (G Williams and G Jones) bt Scotland (W Galloway and R Corsie) 19-14 Final: Wales bt treland 18-10. Triples: Final: England (I Peacock, C Palmer and J Lemma) bt Scotland (M Allison, J Rodburgh and S Pagan) 20-12. Fours: Final: Scotland (B Mellors, K McFarlane, J Daring and Galloway) bt Ireland (M Nutt. J Tabot, S Hell and Booth) 25-13.

CRICKET

West Indies v India

KINGSTON (final day of five). West indies draw with India

WEST INDES: First Innings 427 (C L Hooper 129, B C Lara 83, S Chandespaul 52 A Kumble 5 for 120) Second Innings 241 for 4 dec (Lara 78)

RNDIA: First Innings 346 (N R Monga 78, V V S Lavman 64; F A Rose 6 for 100)

BOWLING: Ambrose 6-3-7-0; Walsh 8-3-7-1; Rose 9-1-23-1; Hooper 18-6-27-0; Chanderpaul 6-0-18-0; Lare 3-0-16-0.

Umpres S.A. Bucknor (West Indies) and M.J. Kilchen (England).

TOUR MATCH: Port Elizabeth (one day): Australians 243-4 (M L Hayden 68, M G Bevan 57 not out. J L Langer 56); Eastern Province 29-8 (L J Koon 78) Australians wen by 15 nuns

CYCLING

PARIS-NICE RACE: Second stage (Vendome to Bourges, 162 Sirn): 1, 1 Seets (Bei) 4hr 24min 48sec; 2, F Moncassar (Fr); 3, A Bath (IV; 4, J Kirzipua (Est); 5, M Cipolin (II); 6, G-Frasor (Carl) all 1 same time. British position: 12, M Scienchi (GB) same time. Leading overall positions: 1, L Jelabert (Fr) 4hr 33min 05sec; 2, A Tchmid (Ukr) at 8sec; 3, M Maun (Sp) at 9, 4, Steets at 11; 5, Bath at 13 British position: 30, Scendrid at 31

First Test match

FOR THE RECORD FENCING

BUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Men: Impenal 14 Brimngham 6 Women: Queen Mary Westfield 11 Edinburgh 7

FOOTBALL AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 2 Brighton 1 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Bulgaria 0 Slovakia 1 (at Sofia)

Monday's late results FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool 4 Newcastle United 3 FA LIMBRO TROPHY: Third round, sec-

Newcasse United 3

FA LIMBRO TROPHY: Third round, second replay: St Leonards 1 Colwyn Bay 2

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division. Totienham Hotspur 1 Wattord 2. League Cup: (pswich Town 2 Luton Town 0: Swansea City 1 Oxford United 1

DR MARTTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmstord 1 Gloucester City 3 Southern division: Forest Green 0 Wimay 0

PONTINY'S CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Surveysbury Town 1 Wiresham 2. Barnsley 3 Stockport County 1 Third division: Rochdale 2 Bury 0 Cup: Quarterfinal: Doncaster Rovers 0 Burnley 2

ICS LEAGUE: Premier division: Carstellon 3 Alytesbury 1: Dagenham and Redishidge 0 St Albans 1 Third division: Ting Town 2 Southell 0

LIMBOND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton Linted 4 Atherton LR 1.

LEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth RN 2 Eastleigh 0.

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HOCKEY

MEN'S UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford 0
Carrbridge 2 (at Maton Noymes).
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6, 5, Switzerland 5: 6, South Africa 1, Group
8: South Kores 5 Argentins 2: Final group
standings: 1, South Korea 13pts; 2, New
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ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NIHL), Prinsburgh 2 Montreal 2 IOT) Toronio 3 Dales 3 (OT), Chicago 2 Vancouver 2 (OT); Ottawa 4 Phoenix 1, Los Angolos 3 Detroll 3 (OT) NETBALL

BUSA CHAMPIONSHIP; Final: Birming-ham S8 Loughborough 42. **REAL TENNIS**

HOLYPORT: British Land amatieur singles championship: First round: J Snow of R Kznanc 6-0, 6-0, 6-1; J Ward of S Berker 6-5, 6-4, 6-1; MWard by I Snell 1-6, 3-5, 6-2, 6-2, 6-5; J Wilcooks bi A Pege 6-1, 6-2, 6-0. M Howard bi A Lunsden 62, 64, 64, P Jarvis bi J Prenn 63, 62, 60, N Baker bi N O'Hagan 46, 36, 25 scr. N Pendrigh bi J O'Hagan 4-6, 3-6, 2-5 sor; N Pendrigh til J Acheson Gray 6-1, 8-0, 6-3 THE ORATORY: Field Trophy inter-club-finel: MCC bt Seasourt 4-1 (MCC names tirst: J and M Ward bil J Teaset and R Smith 6-2, 6-3; M Howard bil 1 Snef 6-2, 6-4; P Jarve bir P Wedyer 6-0, 6-1; H Angus bit A Blosse 6-3, 6-4; M McMuragh and R Hollington loct to M (Badéo and M Higney on a dequalification)

SKIING ALTENMARIKT, Austria: World Cup free-style event: Men: Moguis: 1, J-I, Brassard (Can) 26:36jbs Aerials: 1, N Fontane (Can) 242 07pts Womer: Moguis: 1, D Wein-becht (US) 25 32pts, Aerials: 1, K Marshall (Aur.) 10:1.

BANGKOK: Thailand Open: First round: S Hendry (Scot) bi M Flowerdow (Eng) 5-0; Q Hann (Aus) bi J Higgers (Scot) 5-3; P Ebdon Eng) bi B Jones (Eng) 5-3; J Parott (Eng) bi G Dott (Scot) 5-4; J Waltana (Thai) bi G Home (Scot) 5-2; R O'Sulivan (Eng) bi R Hull (Fin) 5-2; N Bond (Eng) bi M Norg (Eng) 5-1; A Robrdoux (Can) bi J Mache (Eng) 5-3 SQUASH

TYNEMOUTH: Proctor Memorial Open Championship: Finals: Mert: O Ryan Irel of N Taylor (Lancastrue) 9.3, 9.3, 9.4
Women: J Marim (Northumbna) of P Nichol (Currona) 9.0, 9.7, 9.4
SEEDS FOR BRITISH OPEN: Merc: 1, Jenster Khan (Pal-) 2, R Eyles (Aus.), 3, P Nicol (Scot), 4, 5 Parke (Yorkshirel, 5, C Walker (Essa), 6, J Power (Cam) 7, A Barada (Egypti); 8, B Martin (Aus), 3, C Jackman (Nortols); 4, 5 Whyth (Kern), 5, E Irong (Aus.), 6, S Homer (Yorkshirel: 7, C Owers (Aus.), 8, S Scotone (Gor), BUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Semi-finals: Loughborough 5 Ecofeough C; Cardiff Institute 5 Surrey (O Pract: Cardiff Institute 5 Surrey (O Fract: Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Notrephan 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Nichola 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Nichola 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edinfough C; Cardiff Institute 3 Nichola 2 Finals: Loughborough 5 Edi

TABLE TENNIS BUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Men: Middleace 9 Cambridge 3 Women: Northumbria 5 Bradford 4

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COPENHAGEN: Men's tournament: First round' N Marquen (Port bit R Furten (II) 6-3, 6-7, 6-1, 7 Johnniscon (Swer) bit J van Hend (Bel) 6-4, 7-5, J Krockak (Stovalus) bit A Radulescu (Romi 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, K Kucera (Stovalus) bit A Radulescu (Romi 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, K Kucera (Stovalus) bit O Samoytchev (Bu) 6-3, 6-0, M Norman (Swe) bit R Fromberg (Aust) 6-4, 6-4 D Prinosi (Ger) bit T Champton (Fir) 7-6, 7-8, G Rooux (Fr) bit B Sieven (N2) 6-4, 7-5, 7-4 volvov (Russ) bit A Othorday (Russ) 6-4, 7-5, F Devuil (Bel) bit E Alvanez (Sp) 6-1, 6-1, L Burgsmuller (Ger) bit S Siman (Fr) 6-3, 6-2, F Santoro (Fr) bit P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-1, 6-3, K Carlsen (Ben) bit T Larsen (Den) 6-1, 6-3, K Carlsen (Ben) bit T Larsen (Den) 6-1, 6-3, K Carlsen (Ben) bit T Larsen (Den) 6-1, 6-3, K Carlsen (Ben) bit F A Voneza (Romi) bit G Forgod (Fr) 6-4, 2-4 ret, M Larseon (Swe) bit V Spedes (US) 6-4, 6-3, J Stant, (US) bit C Rusd (Nor) 7-8, 6-2; I Woodbridge (Aust) bit F Mentilla (Sp) 0-8, 6-1, 6-3; F Clavel (Sp) bit J Couner (US) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, A Boracatogui (Sp) bit S Larseou (Can) 7-6, 7-6, A Cometa (Sp) bit A Medevice v (Un) 6-4, 6-4, C Kurtien (Br) bit M Woodlordo (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit S Bruquera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit S Bruquera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit S Bruquera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit S Bruquera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit S Bruquera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit S Bruquera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit S Bruquera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, A O'Breen (US) bit M Wastrom (Swo) 6-3, 6-3
INDIAN WELLS: Women's tournament Third round: A Sénchez Viccurio (Sp) bit A Hadvort (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; N Tausiat (Fr) bit F Labal (Arg) 6-2, 6-2; N Tausiat (Fr) bit F Labal (Arg) 6-2, 6-2; N Tausiat (Fr) bit F Labal (Arg) 6-2, 6-2; N Tausiat (Fr) bit A Hubor (Ger) 6-4, 6-3

SOR HURBER Williams in line

for senior role

REX WILLIAMS is poised to become the new chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (Phil Yates writes). Williams, a former chairman, was one of three nominees elected to the board of directors at the reconvened annual meeting in Bristol yesterday. He received 41 of 46 votes cast, with Jim Meadowcroft, a former director, and Bob Close polling 29 and 34 votes respectively.

If Williams becomes chairman, he would take over from Geoff Foulds, who, despite a vote of no confidence going against him, refused to resign as chairman and a director of the association yesterday.

Marshall returns

SQUASH: Peter Marshall, 25, of Nottingham, who has been out of the sport for nearly two years suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, has been given a wildcard entry into the British Open championships in Cardiff next month. The former world No 2 has been drawn against Brett Martin, of Australia, the No 8 seed. Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, who is seeking his sixth Open title, is the No I seed.

Grounds for change

RUGBY: The two clubs from either code in Wakefield are considering sharing a new stadium. The proposed site is next to the planned £50 million new headquarters for Yorkshire cricket, near the MI at Durkar. Wakefield Trinity rugby league club and Wakefield rugby union club are both seeking to relocate and Wakefield Metropolitan County Council is committed to finding them a new home.

Wage freeze revolt

ICE HOCKEY: Solihull Blaze have thrown the Premier League play-offs into chaos by their eleventh-hour with-drawal. It is understood the entire team has refused to turn out in protest at not being paid. Swindon, Slough, Kingston, Guildford and Telford will now contest a reorganised

Well-oiled machine

RUGBY UNION: An investment of £160,000 over four years and the introduction of an under-16s competition have resulted in entries for the Shell UK National Schools Sevens increasing from 234 squads in 1989, when Shell began its involvement, to 383. The tournament next week at Rosslyn Park will feature 753 games over four days.

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BADMINTON

Christopher Irvine on the growing spirit of enterprise in rugby league

Northern exposure insufficient for new man at the top

or someone who spurned the idea of launching the second ing the second Super League season at a theme park off the M6, it is intriguing to hear Colin Myler say that he would be ecstatic were rugby league to be talked about in relation to Disney. In a bold era, fun and excilement are the key words. As yet, Wigan have not added Donald Duck to their quota of overseas

Sports Café, in London's Haymarket, was preferred to Charnock Richard by Myler, the chief executive of the new Rugby League (Europe) (RLE) organisation. We are a major sport which shouldn't be launching at a fun park," he said. "It wasn't significant enough. The game has to realise that, south of the M62, there is a big, creative and commercial world, where decisions are taken, and we need to be where the action is." After 102 years, the small

fish has landed in the big pond. In London, the offices of M&C Saatchi, the adviser to the Super RLE. League clubs joint marketing arm, My-

ler, 44, spearheads the new spirit of enterprise. In his words, he does not want to hear anything more about flat caps. Coronation Street and mushy peas. "They are insulting, out-dated and unfair to enormously skilful, superb athletes," he said.

"What is more, there's been no association with the cliched meat pie image from the commercial world. Richard Branson bought into London Broncos because he's a winner, not a loser. It's not going to happen overnight. No one man can wave a magic wand,

BOWLS

Marshall

enjoys

finest hour

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ROBERT MARSHALL, who

has spent most of his career in

the shadow of his younger

brother, Alex, a former world

indoor and outdoor pairs

champion, outdid his sibling

yesterday, when he won the

British Isles indoor singles

Marshall, who plays for the

championship in Ballymoney.

Bainfield club in Edinburgh,

edged out Neil Booth, the

Irish champion from County

Antrim, 21-18 in the final. In a

topsy-turvy encounter, Mar-

shall led 12-7 after 14 ends, but

dropped seven shots in three ends to trail 14-12 after 17,

before regaining the initiative

with a double on the eigh-

teenth and a full house of four

Wayne Phillips, the Wales

junior champion, beat Nick

Cammack, of England, 21-18

in the under-25 singles final,

and Gareth Williams and

Gareth Jones made it a Welsh

Roy Battersby and David

Ireland were foiled in the

fours, too, when Willie Gallo-

way's Edinburgh quartet beat

Booth's County Antrim rink, 25-13. Ian Peacock, Chris

Palmer and John Leeman, of

England, won the triples, beat-

ing Stuart Pagan's Scotland trio, 20-12, in the final.

double when they defeated

Corkill to win the pairs.

shots on the nineteenth.

Irprise

MF --



It's a team effort and clubs have a major part to play in helping themselves and rais-

ing the sport's profile."

There is an element of poacher-turned-gamekeeper to Myler, or editor-turned-spin doctor, to be accurate. He was the Editor of the Daily Mirror and Sunday Mirror and caused a rumpus, in 1993, by the publication of photographs of Diana, Princess of Wales,

We must put the message in front of the people'

working out in a gym. Noteworthy indiscretions in rugby league tend not to extend to

We have to put the message about Super League in front of people," Myler said. "That's expensive, takes time and you have to be creative. Marketing and promotion of the game have been neglected, but more families and women are watching, not simply because the game itself is attractive, but because these are goodlooking athletes, who are far more disciplined than footballers, certainly on the field."

OCEAN ROVER is back in

the Southern Ocean - and

don't we know it. For the past

24 hours we have been bat-

tered by a storm that, accord-

ing to our weather fax, should

I have just come off a four-

hour watch cold and tired. I

was aware of how hard it

would be, but it is only now

that I am remembering clear-

ly the things that made the

last Southern Ocean leg so

unappealing. I would happi-

ly give it all up for an armchair in front of the fire at

The BT Global Challenge

is going well for us and with

more than 4,500 miles to go

we are lying ninth in this fourth leg. We are pushing hard all the time and it shows

on the faces of the crew. We

had the usual couple of days

finding our sea legs, with

several crew succumbing to

the dreaded mal de mer, but

the number of us sitting

down to eat shows that this is

As usual we have two Rover employees aboard as

"leggers" and they are fitting

in well. Unusually, we have a

third "legger". Paul Clifton,

who was due to do the Boston

to Southampton leg later in

the year. Because of an

injury to one of the crew in

Sydney, Paul had a call at the

eleventh hour and joined us

just days before we left. Like

me, he has a young family

now under control.

home ... well, almost.

Myler was no fly-by-night entering the sport. He was headhunted. He, in turn, could not resist the challenge from a game that he grew up with in Widnes.

The Myler name is synony mous with rugby league. His father is a cousin of Frank Myler, the former Widnes and Great Britain coach, and Myler was a reasonable haif back at Fisher Moore School. Watching his first live game

for several years last month, Myler nudged his wife to tell her that he had definitely made the right decision. As well as an optimist, he is a realist. As enlightened as rugby league is becoming in parts. parochialism and a recalci-trance to new ideas are still lead weights around the neck of the sport.

"The game does not know its customers." Myler said. "No market research of significance has been done. Whether it's promoting sport or a

supermarket, the basic marketing princiout what the people want. We're not even ference in the 1975-76 average attendance and the

1995-96 average was precisely four spectators. It doesn't need an Einstein to work out there's an awful lot to do.

"Bradford have been conspicuously successful because they've put in place a strong strategy and quality people. Attendances at Odsal were up 96 per cent last season and they increased their commercial revenue by 600 per cent. In this day and age, you can't simply ask the guy who's doing the match programme one day to be commercial

and I find a bit of a soul mate

found out he was needed and

what it was like to leave the

family for the Southern

Friday evening, looking for-

ward to a quiet weekend with

the family, until the phone

call from the Ocean Rover

project office asking if it was

possible for me to join the

yacht in Sydney the following

GLOBAL CHALLENGE

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Wave 52°S 4. Group 4 6. Commercial Warrior

LATEST POSITIONS

Fourth leg: Sydney to Cape Town 6,200 miles

10. Time & Tide

Teamwork 53°S

51°S

"It was just like any normal

Ocean. This is his story.



Observers sat back and waited for sparks to fly between Myler and Maurice Lindsay, the omnipresent chief executive of the Rugby Football League, the sport's governing body. They are still waiting. Both insist that they have a good working relationship. Myler's strength is that he can delegate and that it is teamwork that will enable

*After a family conference

boss in order to gain leave of

absence, the scene was set for

both a hectic few days

organising visas, injections,

kit, and someone to run

things at work while I was

away; and the start of an

know now, I might not have

been so persuasive. The

weather in the Southern

Ocean takes no prisoners.

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Position as at 13.54GMT

-Had I known then what I

adventure of a lifetime.

SAILING: FLEET'S FORTITUDE TESTED BY CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN OCEAN

Novice endures stormy reception

James Capstick sympathises with

his new Ocean Rover crewmate

in him. I asked Paul how he and hasty phone call to the

marathon for Super League, rugby league "to bottle what's on the pitch and sell it". not a sprint. Myler said: "A lot of people

Rather than Punch and Judy at a fun park, Richard and Judy showed off Super are critical of the way the 'suits' are moving into sport. I don't agree. People should be League - the new season of which starts on Friday — at its launch in London. Players judged on what they produce. You can't get much more pressure than being a newstook part in a televised fashion paper editor and being judged show. It is a start . . . on the news stands every day.

Wigan libel case, page 3

University challenge may decide destiny of student title

By Christopher Irvine

THERE is more than simply honour at stake in the sixteenth Legal & General University rugby league match. Oxford and Cambridge meet tonight at a new venue, the Richmond Athletic Ground, in an encounter that could decide the student southern championship. Cambridge are without

Adrian Spencer, their talis-man for the past four years, who has joined London Broncos, the first player to graduate from the fixture to professional level Jonathan Griffiths, a newcomer to the Cambridge bench, also has professional experience having appeared briefly last sea-son for Paris Saint-Germain. Although underdogs, Oxford have a stronger side than for several years and lead the southern division from Cambridge on points difference. They have been working closely with Nico Serfontein, the Hemel Hempstead National Conference player.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY's Farmer (Bangor and Pembroke); J Parker (King's, Worcester and St Hugh's), S Whittaker (RGS, Lancaster and Worcester), B Molyneuz (Warstantey W Form College, Wigan and St Catherne's), J Hamsbotton (Carmel Cottego, St Helens and St Catherne's), J Hugh (Manchester GS and St Pater's); J Aldwinkle (Stomers and Belliot), G Jones (Dean Close, Chellenham and Belliot), S Stevens (Worth and Pembroke), J Hobert (St Edward's), Odord and Keble), M Mullins (St George's, Gravessed and Cueen's), M Gartaide (Manchester GS and St Hugh's), Gartside (Manchester GS and St Hugh's Substitutes: A Westcoti (Radley an Balliol), T Brichien-Colombi (Phusgrave Vi Form College and Kehle). Yarrow (Allerton Grange and St Cross), Harrison (Tonbridge and Balliol).

Outcast not short of staying power

JOANNE MUGGERIDGE, barred from the national training squad after an argument with Steve Baddeley, the England manager, over her fitness, came through a 40minute match to reach the second round of the Yonex All-England championships at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham yesterday.

Her success was a long way from proving any point, but the 11-8, 11-6 victory over Mariko Nakayama, a Japanese qualifier, did show that the England outcast is perhaps in better shape than for a couple of years, and that she was capable of conquering the nerves that both the controversy and the occasion inflicted upon her.

Muggeridge peppered Nakayama with a sprinkling of overhead slices and wrongfooting flicks which, had they been supplemented by freer tency, would certainly have elevated her performance to world class. Instead, she had to keep trying for tighter margins to ensure that she kept her opponent on the run.

The contest thus developed into one of stark contrasts strokemaker and the steady athlete. The latter seemed to be gaining the iniative when Nakayama edged to 8-6 in the first game, but she then missed a forehand net shot, betraying the toll that her coverage of the court was beginning to take on her control.

As a result, Muggeridge won the next four points quickly and took a two-point lead in the second game before



the most important rally of the match. A drop shot, flicked lift

was so Muggeridge said. "People came and asked me for inter-

Muggeridge's draw seems to be opening up a chance to

Most of the crew have experi-

enced it before and knew

what to expect, but, for me,

the first few days in the

"I consider myself fit and

Southern Ocean were hell.

have been cold, wet and

hungry before on many

mountaineering trips, but

never for so long, with a daunting further five weeks

to go. The thing I miss most is

my family. I am away on

business fairly frequently but

this is different and I long to

me on board and are helping

me to integrate into the watch

system. One thing I have no-

ticed is that when I am on

deck there are 13 pairs of eyes

watching out for me, which is

nice to know. What do I long

for most other than to be

reunited with my family? A

To give you some idea of

the conditions. I am sitting at

an angle of about 40 degrees

with one leg braced against

the far seat and a computer

keyboard jumping about on

my lap. Paul has just typed

his story and focusing on a

small computer screen in

these conditions can make

you a bit queasy. He has just

run up on deck and been a bit

queasy all over the lee rail.

However, he has returned with a grin. No one said it

would be easy. Meanwhile,

Cape Town beckons. I cannot

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good old English steak."

"The crew have welcomed

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Higgins suffers in familiar fashion

SNOOKER

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

JOHN HIGGINS, on the whose present concession to able upset when he competed in the season-opening Asian Classic here six months ago, found that he had made another fruitless 12.000-mile round trip to Bangkok yesterday when he suffered a surprising first-round defeat in

the Thailand Open. Higgins, who was so solid en route to capturing the European Open title in Malta ten days ago, lost 5-3 to Quinten Hann, a 19-year-old Australian who had never previously figured in the last 32 of a world ranking tourna-

ment, let alone the last 16. "I just can't seem to play anywhere near normal here," Higgins, astoundingly whitewashed 5-0 by Karl Burrows, the world No 116, at the corresponding stage of the Asian Classic, said, "Rubbish is the only way to describe my

performance." Higgins, who, by prevailing in Malta, had reapplied a degree of pressure to Stephen Hendry at the head of the provisional world standings. gave no indication of what was to follow when he efficiently established a 3-1 lead

with runs of 55, 53, and 60. Hann, a volatile character during his amateur career,

receiving end of a consider- the unconventional is short cropped, bleached white hair, won the fifth frame on the pink, maintained his recovery with breaks of 72 and 59 and took the eighth by clearing up from the last red. He now faces Mark Williams, the Grand Prix champion. "I suppose it will sound like

sour grapes, but the table was atrocious," Higgins said. "It was really slow and even the most simple stun shots were a real effort. One minute you're up in this game, the next you're down." By whitewashing Mark

Flowerdew 5-0, Hendry took a big stride towards an eighth consecutive season as the world No I. The six-times world champion, seeking his fifth title of the season, compiled breaks of 62 and 92, but stole one frame on the black and two others on the pink in securing a meeting with Jim-

my White in the last 16 today. John Parrott recovered from 4-3 in arrears to beat Graeme Dott 5-4 while Peter Ebdon also advanced after overcoming the unexpectedly stubborn challenge of Bradley Jones, the world No 199, with a 5-3

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sequence made Nakayama advance and retreat three times as though on a piece of elastic, and after that she was blowing hard. She recovered bravely to 5-5 and later played five match points, but by then Muggeridge was more re-laxed and believed she could win.

views and I tried to get out of the way of it. When you have this, and it's your home tournament, it's difficult. But there was nothing wrong with my fitness. I beat a runner, did you notice that?"

remain in the spotlight, for her next opponent is another qualifier, Kanako Yonekura, also Japanese. The winner is likely to meet Ye Zahoying, the world champion, from China. Qualifiers, however, can

sometimes be much more dangerous as Anne Gibson, the Scottish champion. knows. Gibson was the first Scot to win a place at an Olympic Games, in Atlanta in July, but after leading 4-0 and 5-3 in the second game yesterday, she found that Park Jin-Hyun, of Korea, who won II-1. 11-9, played at too high a pace

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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leg: Accrington Stanley v Gansborough.
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leg: Astron United v Harrogate Toen.
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Source: Ski Club of Great Britain.

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before them showing how the
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has been disposed of and to hear
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At D. ROLLINGS, Liquidator
Dated 7th March 1997

the next mouth at Dr. Williams's Trust, 14 Gordon Square, London WCIH OAG or a copy can be obtained by sanding a stamped addressed exvelope to St. Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarks, London SWIY 4QX queting the reference above.

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An uncompromising legend of Welsh sport

ilf Wooller, who died yesterday aged 84, earned a legendary status in the annals of Welsh sport. He was a great Wales rugby player and was an immense presence for 40 years as a player and an administrator — and for most of that time a presiding spirit - for Gla-

morgan County Cricket Club. He was of a kind which we are unlikely to see again. Born with a keen eye for the flight and tumble of a ball of any shape or size, he was, given the age in which he lived, able to practise his gifts and to perform at first-class level without hesitation or interruption. He was from a Corinthian mould. Rugby, cricket, football and squash all came within his ambit. Nowadays, at a time of increasing specialisation, a player finding that he is talented in a variety of sports would be forced to choose which path to follow and to concentrate single-mindedly upon it.

Compromise was not a word, either as a player or, later, as a trenchant commentator, that entered Wooller's vocabulary. He was unquestionably single-minded, some would say stubborn, and one dare not contemplate the answer he might have given if anyone had the gall to suggest to him that, really, he ought to choose one sport ahead of another. Once he had made up his mind he would brook no argument. Thus he moved seamlessly from playing rugGerald Davies pays tribute to the great

Wilf Wooller, a colossus of cricket and rugby union in the Principality

by for Cardiff and Wales - he into question the fairness of was capped 18 times - in the winter, to playing cricket for his beloved Glamorgan, whom he led to the county championship in 1948, in the

He loved sport with a passion. If he was Corinthian, his mood was not carefree. There was a tough edge to him. His kind of sportsmanship embraced a keen degree of gamesmanship or brinkmanship, call it what you will. which, to some eyes, brought

his play. He did not, however, go beyond the rules of any

game. But the game was there for the winning, what else? Physically, he was a large and commanding figure. He could dominate a room even in his later years. In talent and personality, too, he was larger than life. Expressing his opinion in a firm, stentorian voice, some were led to believe that he did not suffer fools gladly. This was a mistaken perspective. He did hold strong beliefs

heid-ridden South Africa but he always listened carefully to what others had to say. If others disagreed with him. then he only wished them to respect his view. in fact, he thrived on others standing up to him. The

intense competition on the field could happily extend to the hot debate in the bar, the radio studio or in his newspaper columns. This was sport by another means. Wooller was opinionated but this served to add to the colour. tension and the vigour of his conversation. He had to be true to himself. He was an extraordinary

man. To sit next to him in the

- for instance, in favour of press box watching, say, Car-retaining contact with apart- diff play Llanelli, was to delight in his running commentary on a game. What one heard was not necessarily about the immediate action. but a record of the sequence of play, the personalities and humour of a match played between the same two clubs some half a century ago. He loved to reminisce, but never about the horrendous experiences, which he shared with his great Cardiff friend, the late Les Spence, as a prisoner of war in the Far East. That was forbidden territory, best left buried. In that sense, also, he was a unique presence and a remarkable man.

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RADIO CHOICE

A real waste of holly

Envious Casca. Radio 4, 12.25pm.

It's Christmas, it's snowing, and a querulous family gather in a country house owned by a misanthropic old miser (Ion Glover) who could give Scrooge lessons in how to hate the season of goodwill. For an encore, he roars like a wounded lion when someone mentions. corsets, and gives a good impression of Vesuvius erupting when the consers, and gives a good impression of vestivities erupting when the conversation gets around to brothels. There is, then, a severy shortage of festive spirit in episode one of Peter shortage of Georgette Heyer's comedy-thriller. I venture to suggest that even the holly, with which the curroudgeon's brother (Leslie Phillips) is decking the halls when the currour rises with when Phillips) is decking the halls when the curtain rises, wilts when murder most foul is done and we're off into a traditional whodumit.

Late Night Opening: Trust, Radio 4, 11.00pm.

With strong reservations, I recommend Wendy Lee's acidulous comedy serial about nasty goings on in a hospital's surgical department. And they really are nasty, even when, like Sweeney Todd, they wear the trappings of comedy. I would advise second they wear the trappings of comedy. thoughts for (a) anyone about to enter hospital for an operation or (b) anyone anxious about someone they know who is about to go under the knife. Lee describes Trust as a satirical look at what might happen when market forces are pushed to the extreme. The distasteful trade in this hospital is in the dying and the dead, and I fear there are more unthinkable money-making schemes in the pipeline. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

7,00ara Mark Radcliffe, includes 7.30 Newsbeat 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, includes highlights of Ocean Colour Scene's Corno Retiel gig 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session. Live from Exeter University with My Life Story and Octopus on stage 10.30 Mary Arme Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4 00 Chie Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lesser 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruse 11.30 Jammy Young 1.30pm Debbe Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart S.05 John Durn 7.00 Jun Lloyd eath Folk on Two 8.00 Boys of the Lough (3/4) 8.30 Joe Boyd — A World of Music (4/4) 9.00 Amia Bhalla's Across Two Cultures. Singer Narma Abriar (4/6) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 11.45 Salt of the Earth (5/7) 12.05am Sieve Madden 3.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Escaldast Programme 9.00 The Maga-zne 12.00 Midday with Marr 1.50pm The Cheltenham Festival 4.30 Nation-wide 7.00 News Extra with Valerie Sanderson 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Prod-tral Natur Coverne of the Cores Cola hall Night. Coverage of the Coca-Cola Cup some-final second leg between Middlestrough and Stockport, includes the results of the National Lottery 10.00 The Saker Line 11.00 News Edita 12.00 After Hours 2.05am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chins Achtey and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chasholm 12.00 Lorrans Kelly 2.00pm Tonarry Boud 4.00 Peter Desley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportscore 10.00 James Whale 1.00am

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E flat). Holist (Fugal Cverture): Handel (Concerto in F). Glazunov (Novelette, Op 15 No 2): Stravinski Suite: Puicinella) Suite Puicinella)
9.00 Morning Collection, with

Sibelius (Portipla's Daughter), Sach (French Suite No 3 in B minor SW814) 10.00 Musical Encounters, Includes Trad (The Bride's

Farewell): Garbarek (The Survivor), Mozart (Concerto in F !!at for Two Pianos) 12.00 Composers of the Week: Campra, Clerambault and Montéclair

1.00pm Concert Hall. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Raphael Walfisch, cello, John York, piano Mendelssohn (Variations Concertantes); Korngold, arr Walfisch (Suite:

Korngoo, arr Warinson (suine: Much Ado about Nothing); Beethoven (Celfo Sonata in D, Op 102 No 2) 2.00 Michweek Choice, with Susan

Martin Roscoe joins musicians from the Queen Katherine School, Kencial

5.15 in Tune, with Natate Wheen 7.30 Towards the Millennium (Sounding the Century). London Andrea Gruber. soprano. Robert Tear, tenor Simon Keentyside, bass, City of Birmingham Orchestra Penderecki (Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima): Britten

(War Requiem)
9.20 First Draft Pieces(3/5)
9.45 An Italian Couple, Vr. a.dr (Violin Concerto in G); Wolf (Talian Sarenade)

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12.10am Ariel Who See Thee
Now? (3/4)
12.30 Jazz Notes
1.00am Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58

Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Times columnist Libby Purves 10.00 News; Discursive

Excursions (FM) (3/3) 19.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

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4.45 Short Story: A Good You-Know-What, by Michael Carson. Read by Eva Stuart

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9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
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FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Tefevision and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, lan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

CRICKET

Sussex chairman outlines case against revolution

BY SIMON WILDE

KEN HOPKINS, the new chairman of Sussex, attempted to draw a line under the club's troubles yesterday by arguing that he was the man to take the county forward, beyond the forthcoming and potentially divisive annual and extraordinary meetings. The 63-year-old had few

words of comfort for Alan Wells, the dismissed captain. or for the younger generation - not confined to those involved in Sussex - who believe cricket management should reside with those closer to the game and modern business.

At an early morning press conference at Hove. Hopkins outlined his views, most of them responses to criticisms from Tony Pigott, a former player who is demanding the resignation of the entire committee. Hopkins stressed his business experience (a marketing career with Seeboard) and that he has never been a "yes man" in 13 years on the committee. "I intend to make my views known," he said.

Pigott, 38, wants places on the board for himself and men else to play to the same such as Don Trangmare, a who has invested money in the young players at the club, and Roger Dakin, who has a background in public relations, but Hopkins says Pigott's actions are unnecessary and ill-timed. "I have no idea what his plans are but I am prepared to meet him." Hopkins said. "I'm ready for a

Hopkins's predecessor,

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Alan Caffyn, resigned last week after a member of the committee, Richard Barrow, accused it of being "inward looking", a charge that the new chairman rejected. Hopkins also reiterated Caffyn's criticisms of Wells, which so incensed Pigott and Martin Speight, who left last month to

join Durham. "Alan Wells did not motivate the players to win," he



Pigott: proposals

said. "He expected everyone standard as himself. He lost confidence in them and lost confidence in him. There was a lack of respect. The young players have an opportunity now and I am confident they will rise to the challenge under Peter Moores."

Pigott's plans have been welcomed by Nick Cook, the former England bowler and Northamptonshire second XI coach, who believes that all county clubs must be run by

WORD-WATCHING

(a) A kind of vehicle. Originating from Russia. Properly a Russian low four-wheeled carriage without a top, consisting of a

narrow bench on which the passangers sit astride or sideways,

have their feet resting on bars near the ground. Hence transferred to other vehicles in use elsewhere. In some German

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(b) A French bishopric. From the Latin episcopātus having been made a bishop. "With three eveschies clepid diocesis and cities

(b) To meet, meet with or encounter. From the Old English yemetan. c. 1300: "The man that the hare ymete, Ne shall him

(c) The practice or art of fermentation, as in wine-making.

brewing and distilling. From the Greek zume + -ourgia working.

young men rather than the "fuddy-duddies" who, he believes, populate so many com-

"This is a perfect opportunity for Sussex to go leaping into the 21st century under a young vibrant chairman with good financial backing," Cook said. "The situation has only come about through unrest among players and Tony has Sussex's interests at heart. It is not a bad example to the other counties and is only the sort of thing that has happened in rugby union and league.

Too many committees are peopled by old fuddy-duddies who don't watch their teams for most of the season but whose main job is to hire and fire players come the third Thursday in August. It is an antiquated system. Some committees may consult their managers and assistant coaches, but cricket is still living in the dark ages. We need aggressive marketing and chairmen - or rather paid managing directors -

with charisma and clout." Sussex hope that Hopkins's appointment will deter the normally conservative Sussex from agreeing to Pigott's call for further resignations, but the spate of departures this winter is believed to have angered many. ☐ Brian Close, the former England captain, resigned yesterday from Yorkshire's cricket committee in favour of a place on the public relations committee. "I will be able to

Cairns likely to sit out county season

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE are that Chris Cairns, the New dergo an operation on a

Cairns, 27, will go into series against England.

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which ended Oxford's sixmore dangerous and their

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attack of consequence was broken up by Griffiths, before Bateman fired wide. Playfair earned Cambridge their first short corner in the 31st minute and a save by Crofts led to a scramble during which Oxford conceded a penalty stroke for stick obstruction. Mayer made no mistake from the spot, plac-

ing the ball high into the net. Oxford mounted considerable pressure in the second half but gained no advantage

worked move. year as Cambridge coach. said: "It was a fantastic finish earned and two shots from and for me there could have

been no better ending. The lads did exactly what I told them to do." This was the 97th meeting between the two teams and

Cambridge are ahead by 45

wins to 36.

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hospital at the end of the Test series against Sri Lanka. He is playing as a batsman after being unable to bowl in the Nottinghamshire have told Cairns that he will not be

needed this season if they can find a replacement, although

express myself more freely."

looking for a replacement overseas player after learning Zealand all-rounder, must un-

or July. We expect to resolve the situation within the next

Cambridge University ... 2 BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

CAMBRIDGE regained the University Bowl yesterday with a hard earned victory year run of successes in the University hockey match. Although Oxford had more possession in the game, played for the first time at Milton Keynes, Cambridge, attacking through Playfair

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sheep took over the front pages as a novel change from Daisy the mad cow, there was a rush to reassure us that cloning humans was illegal as well as unthinkable and, anyway, there were scientific reasons why cloning Saddam Hussein, for example, would be impossible.

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Unfortunately these assumptions are not all that comforting, if the distinguished line-up assembled last night for Network First: All in the Genes (ITV) is to be believed. In the course of the programme somebody mentioned Frankenstein, as one knew they would, but this particular evocation of a fictional extravagance had some point to it.

Like Frankenstein, most sciennists are neither malevolent nor mad. He, and they, set out to advance mankind but there is always the possibility that the

its own. Genes, by their very na-ture, have an independent streak.

Dolly have applied to patent their procedure, which I suppose is fair Most of the scientists on show for this absorbing and sober documentary took the view that because all genes are altered by the environment in which they develop. it would be impossible to clone Saddam. By the time you knew you wanted to do it, it would be too late: he would already be an adult

and therefore unlike the foetal Saddam you were trying to replicate. Yet we also heard that our new friend Dolly was cloned from a "mature" sheep, therefore if Dolly is an exact replica of her genetic source, the scientists who produced Dolly have already answered the question of whether a gene altered by maturity can be copied in its mature form. The answer is yes.

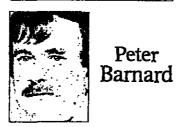
The other startling factor raised in the film had to do with City speculators "investing" in genes. Apwork of science will take on a life of parently the scientists who created

enough. But what about the fact that others are patenting individual genes, just in case they turn out to be a nice little carner, sorry, a source of human enlightenment?

f this starts to look like a privatised gene pool, with having enough money the only condition for being allowed to dive resist panic: cloning tyrants and selling genes on the London commodities market are far from the core issues in genealogy. Network First was movingly correct in talking to real families with children stricken by inherited diseases: how far should science he allowed to go in removing or altering genes? This is the millionpound question. It offers no glib answers but it does require mature

public debate. The transatlantic trade in comedy clones has been active for REVIEW

Peter



many a long year, with what might be called mixed results. Mad About You is an American sitcom, still in the ratings over there and running on satellite over here. which now gains a British version called Loved By You (ITV). If the original is half-decent, it is a lot

better than Loved By You. The stars are John Gordon Sinclair and Trevyn McDowell as a couple who have been married sexual spark has dimmed. The series is apparently about their attempts to rekindle it, though the idea was straining my attention halfway through one episode.

Several stereotypes familiar from no more than 5,000 other series drift in and out of the action: a dull married couple, a boorish bloke, a fretting sister. I wrote down one funny line, when Mc-Dowell leaves a window open so that the dog can breathe and Sinclair says: "It's a flat, not a Volvo." What has happened to television

sitcom? With a couple of exceptions, the BBC seems to have given up looking for new ideas in favour of repeats while the commercial companies plough such a narrow contextual furrow that one is left gasping at its sheer ordinariness. Timewatch, BBC2's history se-

ries, has never been short of plaudits and it is presently at the peak of its powers. Last night's

Secret Memories, the story of the Special Operations Executive in the Second World War was made thoroughly absorbing by the usual Timewatch qualities: attention to detail and meticulous research.

The men and women who blew up railway lines and otherwise made life difficult for the Nazis are genuine heroes, a truth made the more obvious last night by the matter-of-fact style of those who survived. They were loners in an alien landscape, which is a frightening enough con-

lodgings near Lyons, organising the sabotage of transport, mainly railways. Local help was at first unwilling, but it became more enthusiastic when Brooks set fuses so that trains would be detailed after the engine had passed, thus saving the lives of the (French) crew. Small things brought big re-

dition even if you are not caught.

Tony Brooks spent the war in

sults. Brooks recalled an operative known as Pegleg who would change the waybills on goods wagons so that acid meant for the batteries in U-boats would end up, uselessly, at an army barracks while submarine engineers wondered why they had been sent carburettor parts.

Brian Stonehouse was also at Lyons as a radio operator and Timewatch reunited him with the owner of a chateau from which he had sent vital intelligence and where he was later captured and sent to a concentration camp. He survived, as did a woman agent whose tasks included planting exploding rats in the corners of factories and putting itching powder in German underwear.

Eisenhower said that in France alone the Resistance had been the equivalent of five extra divisions. These were, and are, magnificent people, a better argument for cloning than Dolly the sheep.

CHANNEL 4

12.00 House to House Reports from Westminster (54873) 12.30pm The War

1.30 Racing from Cheltenham Brough Scot

4.30 Countdown (T) (164) 5.00 Rick Lake (T) (1638) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (744)

6.00 Party of Five After Callie is saved from

7.00 Channel 4 News Includes headlines and

8.00 Brookside Gladys has some devastating birthday news for Mick, and Danny takes

drastic measures to get Bel and Offie back together. Will Jimy be able to get himself out of a predicament in time (T)

Patrolling the broads (8.30pm)

during the August Bank Holiday week (T)

cameras uncover the disgraceful practices routinely carried out at certain

investigates more cases of the paranormal (T) (17541)

on the ground at Christmas in Chicago. Jeanne's HIV positive status heightens

anxieties in the emergency room (1)

8.30 An Inspector Calls A new six-part series begins with two river inspectors on the Noriolk broads

9.00 Countryside Undercover: Bringing

9.30 Fortean TV Father Lionel Fanthorpe

10.00 ER Fast-moving, American hospital drama series. The spirit of goodwill is thin

pig farm (1/6) (T) (8909)

weather at 7.30 (354299)

7.55 Winners and Losers (814909)

date rape by Bailey, she becomes increasingly dependent on him (T) (616170)

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6.50 Fresh Pop (606657)

3.15 and 3.55 races (695152)

Cheltenham Festival (97299)

9.30 Schools (T) (778909)

A preview of the second day of the

of the Roses. The insect friends and

enemies of the rose grower (r) (T) (37305) 1.00 Ellen American comedy series

introduces live coverage of the 2.00, 2.35

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (53015) 7,00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (41183) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1)(5243270)

9,20 Style Challenge (4507947) 9.45 Kilroy (4270812) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (93473) 11,00 News (T) and weather (6203909) 11.05 The Realty Useful Show (7815638) 11,35 Change That (8483270)

12.00 News (T) and weather (7357638) 12.05 pm The Alphabet Game (5381541) 12,30 Going for a Song (6668909) 12.55 The Weather Show (79722473) 1,00 One O'Clock News (T) (44270) 1.30 Regional News (83409218)

1.40 Neighbours A love-struck Steve tries to win Danni's affections (T) (11796725) 2.05 Police Rescue Angel puts his neck on the line for an old friend who's fallen on hard times (2254638)

2.55 As Time Goes By (r) (5021947) 3.25 Well Worth a Visit (1008724) 3.30 Playdays (5258454) 3.50 ChuckleVision (5278218) 4.10 Popeye and Son (1257744) 4.35 The Wild House

(5295831) 5.00 Newsround (T) (3562034) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (9060855) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (803639) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (947) 6.30 Regional News (299) 7.00 Noel's Telly Years 1966 (8164)

7.30 Tomorrow's World Shahnaz Pakravan meets a group of prostitutes in Nairobi who have baffled scientists by remaining HIV-negative despite repeated exposure to the virus — could their seemingly natural resistance help to create a vaccine? Plus: Howard Stabletord encounters a comical computer programmed to crack tokes (1) (183)

8.00 The National Lottery Live Music by the Backstreet Boys and a report from Jill Dando on how Lottery money is helping research into heart disease (521947) 8.15 25 Years of the Two Ronnies (r) (1)

(317218) 8.50 Points of View (789034) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (5299)

9.29 National Lottery Update (942102) 9.30 Insiders Tension erupts when new arrival to Veremoor Jonathan Mason lets slip daughter, leaving him in a state of shock and on the verge of a breakdown as he

With Julia Ford (981299) 10.20 Comic Relief: Walk on By Lenny Henry sees how money donated to Comic Relief helps the homeless, going behind the scenes at The London Connection

(3014270) 11.25 Femme Fatale (1991) Erotic thriller. starring Colin Firth. Directed by Andre Guttfreund (384367) 12.55 am Crazy from the Heart (1991) With

Christine Lahti and Ruben Blades. Directed by Thomas Schlamme (T) (5035023) 2.25 Weather (8247752)

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Some Things Never Change (1995) (131522) 1.10am A Your to KE (1994)

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4.15 Young at Heart (1995) (910077)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Edison — the invention of invention (9310265) 6.50

Linkage Mechanisms (9020034)7 15 Sce Hear Breaklast News (7192725) 7.30 Captain Cavernan and the Teen Angels (8953367) 7.55 Record Breakers Gold (t) (3326541) 8.20 Teddy Trucks (3681812) 8.25 Spot (6064096) 8.35 The Record

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4.00 Today's the Day (812) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (116) 5.00 Esther (9270) 5.30 Seniors Pot Black (676) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (1)

(911562) 6.45 Trev and Simon's Transmission Impossible (456589) 7.00 Hancock (b/w) (r) (T) (9034) 7.30 Counterblast: Understanding the Monster

Ray Wyre presents a thought-provoking argument for the reform of the legal system which he says fails to protect children from sex abusers (T) (725) 8.00 University Challenge (T) (5454) 8.30 Changing Rooms (r) (T) (4589)



9.00 Wodding Times: Jewish fortunes of a couple planning a full Jewish wedding (T) (976831) 9,50 A Woman Called Smith: The Two

Jeans A profile of two fun-loving, discodancing grandmothers from Essex (T) 10.00 Even Further Abroad with Jonathan

Meades(T) (83096) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (370589)

11.15 This Life (r) (T) (605947) 11.55 Weather 12.00 The Midnight Hour (28139)

12.30 am Learning Zone: Open University -Rocky Shores (81110) 1.00 Tropical Forest (68874) 1.30 Managing for Biodiversity (54333) 2.00 Nightschool TV: The Geography Collection (18435) 4.00 BBC Focus: English Heritage (27690) 4.30 Unicel in the Classroom (83139) 5.00 Health and Salety at Work (52771) 5.30 Voluntary Matters (29868)

CHOICE Counterblast: Understanding the Monster

BBC2, 7.30pm Ray Wyre, who has worked with sex offenders for more than 20 years, argues that we should think beyond locking them up and throwing away the key. Attacking what he salls political rhetoric and quick-fix answers, he advocates treatment as well as punishment and preferably instead of it.

Wyre's concern is less with the small number of abusers who get caught than with the vast majority who do not. Much of the abuse is perpetrated not by mousters and perverts but by otherwise caring parents. Wyre points to the success of counselling experiments in the United States and Canada and recommends that Britain should follow up an idea pioneered in Vermont. This is a free and confidential helpline which abusers are encouraged to call so that they can be

An Inspector Calls: River Rage Channel 4.8.30pm

To launch a second series about people whose job is to inspect things, we visit the Norfolk Broads. It is August Bank Holiday week, 40,000 visitors are expected and with only 14 inspectors for 125 miles of waterway, the cover is stretched. Nobody pretends that people drive boats as recklessly as they drive cars but there are enough incidents to suggest that "river rage" is starting to creep in. With inspectors thin on the water, riverbank residents such as Ralph Livingstone and Ken Fry, step in to ensure that the bylaws are obeyed. It is a moot point whether the inspectors prefer to deal with the mis-creants or the voluble Livingstone and Fry. The yellow card comes out only once, when Inspector Adrian Vernon delivers a written warning to young men who have been horsing around with water-filled condoms.

Modern Times: Jewish Wedding BBC2, 9.00pm

The twist in Stephen Walker's film about the nuptials of Michaela and Steve is that she is Jewish and he is not. For the knot to be tied, he agrees to convert to the faith. This involves not only giving up his favourite bacon and being circumcised but having to face half an hour of tough questioning by a Jewish court. Walker is himself a Jew and while milking the subject for its passages of humour he is never irreverent. Much of the footage is posed, with the leading characters doing set pieces before the camera, but the mixture of stylisation and those spontaneous moments that no film-maker can plan for is surprisingly effective. Those unfamiliar with a Jewish wedding may be astonished at the enormous amount of food that is provided. The bride's father is unrepentant and has the waistline to prove it.

Dunblane: Remembering Our Children ITV, 9.00pm (Granada, Thursday 8.00pm)

The first anniversary of the Dunblane tragedy is marked by a documentary comprising the thoughts of the hereaved parents, presented without commentary. It is a far less distressing film than you might expect, not because anybody tries to emphasis is on the positive. The paradox is that unspeakable evil has helped to uncover uncommon goodness. One aspect of this is the extraordinary number of cards and messages of sympathy from all over the world. Another is the way the hereaved parents have bonded together through their weekly meetings, not to wallow in past horror but to find strength in the future. Even showing video lootage of the murdered children, poignant as it is, is an occasion for the celebration of a life rather than the Peter Waymark mourning of death.

HTV

6.00am GMTV (6654386) 9.25 Chain Letters (4582638) 9.55 Regional News (T) weather (5374725) 10.00 The Time, the Place (30589)

10.30 This Morning (T) (68254294) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (7346522) 12.30 News (T) and weather (6686305) 12.55 Shortland Street (6661096) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (47596812)

1.50 Afternoon Live (11701657) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (56753164) 2.50 Afternoon Live (5017744) 3.20 News (T) (2353611)

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5.10 Look and Cook (5431299) 5.40 News (1) and weather (275015)

6.00 Home and Away Casey decides she cannot change Curtis and Selma remains secretive about her delayed return from Melbourne (T) (r) (T) (676152) 6.25 HTV Weather (995893)

6.30 HTV News (367) 7.00 Emmerdale Frank faces the music in court; Ned meets an old flame and Vic makes a tool of himself in Iront of Kathy



Philip Middlemiss as Des (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Samantha teaches Des a lesson which throws his life into disarray and Jack grows more suspicious of Trisha's new boytriend (T) (251)

B.00 The Bill: In the Dark in the v burglary, a wife's evidence leads Skase to suspect her husband is a serial killer. The challenge tacing the CtD is to use her evidence without alerting her to their SUSPICIONS (6283)

9.00 CHOICE Dumblane: Remembering Our Children (1) (7909) 10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (70522) 10.30 Regional News (T) and weather

(745909) 10.40 Cartton Sport Middlesbrough v Stockport County, Bob Wilson introduces coverage of the Coca-Cola Cup, semihnal second leg. Commentary from Brian

Moore (845218) 11.40 Taggart: Secrets George Proctor isquestioned about the murder of Jake Kosleweski, while Cameron Friel is

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Healey takes up England's pole position

AUSTIN HEALEY, the spark who has helped to set Leicester's season aflame, will win his first full England cap on Saturday when he plays scrum half against Wales on the final weekend of the five nations' championship in the match that will decide whether England can take at least a triple crown from a season of

Healey, 23 and capped as a replacement against Ireland last month, changes places with Andy Gomarsall, the Wasp who has struggled to sustain the bright start that he made to his international career against Italy in November. That he does so at such a late hour adds piquancy to an already rich occasion, since Healey has every prospect of joining Robert Howley, whom he will oppose, on the British Lions tour to South Africa in

Not only that, it is Howley whose technique Healey has studied this season on video in order to make himself a better all-round player. Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby. suggested that Howley's support play was worthy of dissection and on Saturday he will see how much the confident Healey has learnt.

Since the match is in Cardiff, Healey will also enjoy the opportunity to exorcise some ghosts. In January he played in the Leicester team put to the sword by Brive in the Heineken Cup final; he will seek to show a discerning public that he is a better player than he appeared that day.

Healey's elevation is the only change made to the XV beaten 23-20 by France, which, given the gloomy prognosticaraui Gra son earlier in the week, is surprising. The England medical team have given Grayson an optimistic report; he did only light stretching at

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Bisham Abbey yesterday and must indicate full fitness tomorrow; all being well, however, he will partner Healey. who has come from the back of the pack this season.

After he moved from Orrell to Leicester, various leading coaches suggested that Healey needed to develop his half-back skills if he was to move up the ladder, but nobody could criticise his outstanding pace, his cover defence and his utter self-confidence.

Where, he was asked, does his confidence come from? 'My ability," he said simply, which will receive a severe examination against Howley.

He has moved from fourth in the pecking order to first after Matthew Dawson was overlooked - and later injured - Kyran Bracken demoted to England A and Gomarsall given a chance, only to be edged aside after five caps. "Healey has been pressing very hard and this is the game in which to give him

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right time."

Healey is arriving at the the summer," Carling said.

He fully intends to complete his two-year contract with Harlequins, but, at 31, has reached the stage where domestic and business interests demand more time, which international rugby does not allow. "I don't think my enthusiasm has diminished, but you get to the stage where there are other things to do," he said.

Wales look certain to give Jonathan Davies a final outing at stand-off when their team is named tomorrow. Neil Jenkins will remain at full back with Kingsley Jones, the Ebbw Vale flanker, standing by should Colin Charvis withdraw. Charvis (groin). Ieuan Evans (calf and hamstring). Scott Gibbs (neck) and Scott yesterday, but David Young and Christian Loader, the props, were able to complete

his opportunity," Jack Rowell, the England coach, said.

Healey spent two seasons as a wing with Waterloo before moving to Orrell to replace Dewi Morris. To come from the back was a surprise, but it gives you that little extra drive," he said. "Criticism of your game gives you something to work on, to become a better player, but, whenever I walk on to the pitch. I think as a rugby player, not just as a scrum half. Rugby is about reading the game, about get-ting to the right place at the

right place at much the same time as Will Carling is likely to leave it. Rumours have abounded that this will be Carling's final England appearance, though he is closing no doors. "That is the way I am inclined at the moment, but I won't make any definite decision until I have thought long and hard about it during

Alain Penaud, the Brive stand-off, has withdrawn from the France squad to play Scotland in Paris after collecting a groin injury against Narbonne at the weekend.

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Pipes fulfil their driving ambitions

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN PIPE sent out the winners of the Smurfit Champion Hurdle and Guinness Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham yesterday but was left counting the cost — thanks to a rash promise by his wife, Carol. to

The victory of Make A Stand, who made all the running, in the Champion Hurdle means he will now have to buy David Pipe, 24, a costing £45,000 — putting a severe dent in the prize-money won by the six-times champion trainer on the opening day of the Festival.

"I saw this fantastic car in the car park at Newbury racecourse before Make A Stand ran in the Tote Gold Trophy and my mother said I could have one if we won the race." David, assistant to his father, explained. "I got the catalogue out after he won and it cost E45,000 so she said 'no', but promised me the car if Make A Stand won the Champion Hurdle."

Martin Pipe confirmed:
"My wife said David could have the car... I think I have lost my trainer's share of the prize-money I've won today."
Pipe earned £17,637.25 for

his training feat yesterday. and will be relieved that he still owns 50 per cent of the horse, for which he won a stunning day which began by sending out Nordic Breeze, a 100-I shot, to finish third in the opening Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle, and was crowned by the victories of Make A Stand and Or Royal in the Arkle, he ended the day with just a modest profit. However, that will bother Pipe

little after one of the finest

days of his remarkable career.

On an afternoon when Cheltenham deserved the "Glorious" epithet normally reserved for Goodwood, the thermometer soared towards the 70s simplasses were as necessary as binoculars and the sunkissed ground started to bake dry. A course record

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time in the opening race suggested the going was much faster than the official description of good, which was ideal for Make A Stand. Nevertheless, as Tony Mc-

Coy and the 7-1 shot adopted their normal front-running role, few among the 41,224 crowd expected the combination to remain at the head of After all, Night Nurse was the last Champion Hurdle winner to make all the running in

Large Action, the 7-2 favour-

ite, was pulled up after two hurdles having lost his action and a flight later Collier Bay made a serious error which effectively ended his chances of retaining the hurdling crown. By now McCoy had skipped ten lengths clear.

The champion jockey gave his mount a breather going towards the top of the hill, the furthest point from the stands, in preparation for the demands that lay ahead. The pack closed, only for McCoy to kick on down the hill and reopen a decisive lead. Suddenly, the improbable looked plausible as the jockeys behind McCoy raised their sticks

John Shortt, who led the chasing posse on Space Trucker, said: "I could not believe he" led us like that all the way. through the Champion Hurdle. I got within three lengths of him at the last and then he went away again. My heart sank: I couldn't believe it. To do that to Champion Hurdle horses was incredible."

At the line, Make A Stand, a novice at the start of this season, had five lengths to spare over an Irish quartet led by Theatreworld and completed by Space Trucker, I'm Supposin and Hill Society. race tim course record.

"He's a tremendous horse and Mr Pipe has done a wonderful job with him," Mc-Coy said. "He's gone from" winning at Newton Abbot to winning the Champion Hurdle. If that is not improvement I don't know what is."

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Players asked to forgive publicly

GRAHAM KELLY, the chief executive of the Football Association, has written to Peter Schmeichel and Ian Wright urging them to end their feud publicly. The publication of the letter from Kelly came on the day when Schmeichel, the Manchester United goalkeeper, learnt that he would not face a criminal charge for alleged racist remarks to Wright, the Arsenal forward. at Old Trafford in November. Kelly strongly implies that if Wright and Schmeichel agree to meet they will also avoid disciplinary action from the

In his letter to Schmeichel, which is indentical to the one sent to Wright, Kelly writes: "I have to decide what is best for English football. I have to be aware that both you and lan Wright are public figures, idolised by millions of football fans at home and abroad. Your example is vitally

important. "That is why I ask you, in the interests of the game as a whole, to make a public statement of reconciliation with Ian Wright as soon as possible. In doing so, you can be a power for bringing the game together, not dividing it. I believe I understand your strong feelings about what has happened. But English football is bigger and more important

than both of you, and me." The two players had to be separated at the end of United's 2-1 win at Highbury last month following a challenge by the Arsenal player on

Wright said yesterday that he was happy to go along with the FA's desire for reconciliation and, despite being asked

on three occasions to make a statement or complaint on the earlier incident by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), had already refused "for the benefit of football."

He said: "I am happy to comply with the wishes of the FA and would add that despite being approached three times by the CPS to make a statement or complaint based on video evidence I have not done so for the benefit of football and everybody concerned with our national game."



Schmeichel: no charge

Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, gave his full backing to Kelly's letter. "While we are pleased Peter has not been charged by the CPS, it is important this issue is resolved by the players," he said.

"I believe Ian wili respond to the FA's initiative and I hope Peter will as well. Both are respected professionals, both are volatile characters. but both must be big enough to make up for the good of the

Liverpool call on £3m Citko

By DAVID MADDOCK

PERHAPS in recognition of the continuing frailties that have, at times, undermined their season. Liverpool have entered into preliminary negotiations to buy Marek Citko, the Poland international for-

The events of Monday night, when the Merseysiders squandered a three-goal lead against Newcastle United only to conjure up a late, late winning goal, suggest it is defence, not attack, that requires immediate attention, but Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, has clearly exhausted a saint-like patience with Stan Collymore, his miscreant forward, and has now settled into the task of finding an adequate replacement. It seems Citko, at 23, fits the

Liverpool have been offered Citko at a reasonable E3 million by his Polish club, Widzew Lodz, and Evans believes such a figure represents value in today's inflated transfer market. The forward is a proven scorer at the highest level, as a goal against England in the World Cup qualifying match last year at Wembley and more recent exploits in the European Cup

Champions' League testify. Citko had tentatively agreed a move to Blackburn Rovers earlier in the season, after a £2.5 million fee had been agreed, but after a wrangle over a suddenly inflated fee that apparently reached a new level of £4 million, Citko developed a keen, if surprising, interest in the priesthood and indicated he would rather remain in Poland to pursue his new-found calling. Nevertheless, his club appears eager to sell a highly-valued asset to raise much-needed capital and Citko, for his part, has expressed an ambition to join Liverpool.

Evans entered into tentative talks with representatives of the player and Widzew last week and negotiations can begin in earnest now Liverpool have safely, if eccentrically, negotiated the tricky hurdle presented by Newcastle on Monday evening. Evans could ask to take the player on trial, just as Blackburn did earlier

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in the season, when Tony Parkes, the caretaker manager at Ewood Park, judged Citko to be a goalscorer of

impressive potential.

If Evans does take the plunge before the transfer deadline on March 27 and the Pole receives a work permit in time to allow the deal to be finalised, then it will raise further questions about the future of Collymore. He was again notable by his absence from the Liverpool team on Monday evening after being dropped the previous week.

Aston Villa have once again expressed an interest in signing the player after receiving no encouragement from Everton in response to inquiries about the availability of their Scotland striker. Duncan Ferguson. Citko's arrival could hasten a cut-price departure to Collymore's native Midlands, where the player still lives, despite the inconvenience of a daily four-hour round trip to Liverpool.

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